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# Joseph North Reports from Cuba

By JOSEPH NORTH

HAVANA — While the milicianos were still rooting the half-starved, wild-eyed mercenaries out of the mangrove swamps — the number now exceeds 700 —

I heard the voice of Fidel Castro over the radio warning his people that the Pentagon may be considering a direct frontal attack on Cuba.

"It will be the end of imperialism," he said.

In the beach area where the invaders had landed, I watched soldiers bringing in their catch



the invasion force. They'd prefer not to come out of the woods.

While out on the Zapata Peninsula, I watched the soldiers move around the beach.

While some of the milicianos were diving into the swimming pool, others were firing away at targets with rifles and machine-guns. One, in trunks, waded out to inspect three floating wrecked invasion craft.

They showed me captured gear heaped high in neat rows — rocket ammunition with the U.S. print on the boxes.

## PIECES OF A MAN

One box says, "Dangerous, contains one pound packages of TNT-60 MM Mortars." They took me about a mile off and showed me a shattered B-26, two-motored. In the charred wreckage were many things.

of killers. And even as they were bringing them in, one lad, who had taken a piece of the parachute the invaders used and wound it as a scarf around his neck, pointed to the horizon. I looked as the red sun in the Caribbean and it threw into distinct silhouette the outline of a U. S. destroyer.

## COTTAGES SMASHED

In the big beach resort where the invasion began, lovely cottages newly built for workers are shattered by the mortar fire the invaders opened up.

We weren't allowed on the road through the mangrove woods because mercenaries are still wandering around inside. The worst of them, they said, were the war criminals who had been sentenced to death one and, who fled, and who came back with

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"Look" one of the milicianos said, "Pieces of a man."

I looked, and there was the charred rib-case of the pilot, all that was left of the man who had bombed the Cuban Army and several civilian spots a mile from here. Anti-aircraft men brought him down — one of the nine.

I saw some of the prisoners here, decked out in their space-man garb, the green-olive abstract painting kind of regalia that is supposed to camouflage you successfully enough to avoid detection.

They were lying on the floor and they didn't give a damn about anything just then. They were resting after days wandering in the muck, hungry, thirsty, mad. For nearly three days the press corps in Havana has been questioning them. A pattern has emerged.

The captured in the majority are men who took this as a job. They got 250-300 pesos a month. Then there were former Batista officers eager to be in on the kill and get their lush, graft-ridden jobs back. Some of them were on the air with that brash, simple-minded bravado the military often affects.

#### BLUE BOOK

But the main thing was that many other names read like the old Havana blue book of top society. Not only was Jose Cardona the son of the president-in-exile, so-called, captured on this invasion, but the son of his right-hand man, "Tony" Varona, also.

It was clear that the oldsters back home had miscalculated wildly, or they wouldn't send their best stock in. They figured it would be a walk-over, they could set up a their government-in-exile on Cuban soil, get it recognized right away by the U. S., so they sent the cream of the crop.

It was clear too that they reckoned on a second front in Oriente at the naval town of Caibarien but Cuban planes dropped about 600 of them.

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## A Cuban Misadventure

It is a fair guess that about 10 per cent of the United States effort expended on Laos (10,000 miles away) would have been 100 per cent effective in Cuba.

Inform Castro — in the clearest, briefest, politest language — that we have the same sort and degree of interest in Cuba today as we had 60-odd years ago when we fought for, and brought, freedom to that lovely island. That we hope he will understand our continuing interest and will, therefore, agree to have free elections there within four months... that he will welcome observers from all American countries to be at the polls.

If he is unwilling to do this, we (not the U. N.) should go in and see that the elections are held and invite the afore-said observers to be present.

Otherwise freedom of Cubans and other human beings everywhere will be further nibbled away as we sit and shuffle and reshuffle our "morals" and fears.

The picture of Uncle Sam as a gauche, dazed or fearful giant has been permitted to develop quite far enough.

Courage always has been and ever will be the paramount condition necessary for freedom's survival. I have the greatest respect and admiration for President Kennedy's personal courage, but I hope he will soon begin matching his undoubted personal courage with an official courage. If he is not permitted to do this, then, in very truth, all the magnificent efforts of past generations that have willingly fought and died for freedom will be gone... with the wind. Donald Owen Webb.

Adlai Stevenson denied the Cuban charges that the United States armed and transported the counter-revolutionaries. We now know that the Cuban charges were true. George Sherman, in The Sunday Star, says "It is now admitted that the pilot who landed in Miami last week and in a battle-scarred plane bearing Cuban insignia was

not a 'defector' from the Cuban Air Force. That was a 'cover' to hide the fact that he was part of the rebel forces stationed at an air strip in Guatemala." We now have a "B-26 incident."

We were caught lying about the U-2, and now we have been exposed before the world on the Cuban crisis. The British press is almost 100 per cent against us. Prime Minister Nehru denounced us, as did Saudi Arabia, Mali, Equador, not to mention the Communists, as well as many other countries. And don't overlook the demonstrations at the U. N. this past week, and here in Washington last Saturday. Not all of the United States, as President Kennedy says, supports the CIA intervention, nor does the rest of the world.

Our country became great on its democratic ideals. Lies before the world, and the intervention in a country of 6.5 million people, smack of totalitarianism. What is worse is that instead of the United States apologizing, it is rattling its weapons, threatening a true United States invasion in a country that has seen the Marines more than once on its shores this century. Cuba and the people of the world will not stand for this again. The threat of nuclear war is great.

Let the Cubans, not the United States or the people that it arms, decide their own destiny. Hands off Cuba!

William J. Reever

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# Story of U.S. Role in Cuba Invasion

## New Anti-Castro Steps in the Works

BY EDWIN A. LAHEY AND DAVID KRASLOW

Chicago Daily News Service

WASHINGTON—One stark truth looms out of the Cuban debris, like a smokestack still standing after a factory explosion:

The United States is committed irrevocably to the overthrow of Fidel Castro.

The wheels are in motion, and will keep grinding until the mission is accomplished.

THERE ARE four alternate plans for destroying Castro; the first two of which are the most likely.

1. Another invasion of Cuba, by Cubans and possibly other Latin American volunteers, this time organized, trained and equipped to leave no margin for error.

2. Collective action by member nations of the Organization of American States, if two-thirds of the 21 republics support this plan.

If the necessary two-thirds do not support this proposal, the United States may be prepared to take the assistance of whatever friends will stand up and be counted, and let the OAS suffer disruption.

The remaining alternatives are remote.

3. A propaganda campaign in Cuba of greater intensity, geared to the hope that Castro can be overthrown by his own people.

4. Direct intervention by U.S. military forces, on their own.

THE U.S. commitment to destroy Castro was made surreptitiously last year. We made a commitment last year.

came apparent that Castro had granted a concession to the international Communist movement to use Cuba as a base for infecting all the Latin America.

We made our purpose known publicly, in an agonizing burst of honesty, after John F. Kennedy for the first time in his 43 years felt the acrid taste of complete and humiliating defeat.

The shackles of self-righteous hypocrisy were removed from Uncle Sam's burly frame as the President, still clad in white tie and tails from the congressional reception at the White House the night of April 18, faced up to the fact that he had taken his first whipping.

Until 4 a.m. April 19, Mr. Kennedy was on the White House phone, talking to staff aides, going over the painful details of the disastrous invasion of Cuba, and making plans for the future.

The taste of defeat was bitter to the President. All the Kennedys play to win, whether the game is parchesi or the balance of terror in a world armed for destruction.

But the President spent no time in handwringing on that fateful night of April 18, while he digested the fact that the invasion of Cuba, launched by Cuban exiles with the help of the Central Intelligence

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Agency, had been a colossal failure.

Mr. Kennedy picked himself off the mat, figuratively speaking, even while he was going through the motions of ceremonial graciousness with members of Congress and their wives.

From that night, Fidel Castro's number was up on John Kennedy's wall for the whole world to see.

ON APRIL 20, when the whole United States began to realize the extent of our national humiliation on the south coast of Cuba, the President publicly removed some of the veil of hypocrisy that had marked our program to topple Castro.

He told the American Society of Newspaper Editors, and the waiting world, that if the honored tradition of "non-intervention" meant that we had to stand by while the Soviet Union set up shop across the Florida Strait, we would toss that tradition out the window, in the name of self-preservation.

In the light of President Kennedy's frank discussion of our objective, there is only one logical interpretation of his decision to recall Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, former chief of staff, from retirement, for a study of "para-military" matters.

Taylor, who has been joined in this study by Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, is clearly the architect for an invasion of Cuba that will not fail.

THERE IS another important aspect to the avowed purpose of the United States to overthrow the Castro regime.

There is an implied obligation for the President now to declare what kind of government in Cuba would meet with the approval of the United States. This problem opens a pretty big can of worms.

THE CUBAN exiles who want most to overthrow Castro are a strange mixture of saints and sinners.

They include political racketeers who got out with their loot before Castro overthrew the Fulgencio Batista regime on Jan. 1, 1959.

They include Cubans who lost great sugar lands and other properties to the Castro revolution, who would turn the clock back if they could.

The rest of the Cuban exiles stretch across the political spectrum to the far left, to embrace former followers of Castro who feel that the Cuban leader has betrayed their revolution to the Communists.

These people are for agrarian reform and other measures that conservative middle class Cubans would destroy.

The task of imposing a workable unity on these widely separated Cuban factions has been a difficult one, and will continue to be, as the recriminations over the failure of the invasion continue.

### White Paper Favors Reform

In a recent State Department white paper on Cuba, the United States made it clear that it favors the social reforms that were the original trademark of the Cuban revolution, including the redistribution of land.

The official document observed that no future Cuban government could turn its back on these reforms.

But as the day of Castro's downfall approaches, this whole question probably will embitter the talk about the future of Cuba.

The former owners of the great sugar plantations in Cuba, whether they are native Cubans or American corporations, will not accept land reform happily. And they have already found

friends in Congress to argue their case.

WHILE THE doom of Castro is projected carefully by the new planmakers in Washington, the sport of recrimination over the recent Cuban fiasco continues unabated.

This is understandable, since there are many questions that have not and probably never will be answered about that unfortunate episode.

The statement of Mr. Kennedy earlier this week that the responsibility for the whole thing was his did slow down the tempo of recrimination, but hardly ended it.

The preparations for the invasion of Cuba had begun last summer, when Mr. Kennedy, then a candidate for President, was jibing at his rival, Richard Nixon, with such cutting remarks as:

"If you can't stand up to Castro, how can you expect to stand up to Khrushchev?"

BUT THE hour of decision finally came to the President himself a few weeks ago, when he had to weigh all the opinions of Allen Dulles of the Central Intelligence Agency, Sec. of State Dean Rusk, Sec. of Defense Robert McNamara and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

When members of his official family had laid all the cards on the table, Mr. Kennedy had to make the decision to let the invasion of Cuba get under way, a decision that gave him his first experience in defeat.

THAT prayerful decision was based on three major considerations:

1. The Cuban invasion force was getting restless.

Somewhere between 1,000 and 1,500 men, recruited by the CIA in Florida and elsewhere, then transported from Opa-locka air base in Florida to a training camp in Guatemala, and thence to the port of em-

barkation at Puerto Cabezas in Nicaragua, were on the verge of blowing their stacks.

These Cubans had been training without pay for many months. They were on edge and might have come emotionally unstuck if the invasion were delayed.

2. A delay in the invasion plans would get fouled up by weather. The rainy season on the south coast of Cuba was in the near offing, and if the invasion were to have clear sailing it had to get started at once.

3. Finally, and most importantly, the CIA believed that the Cubans would be another few weeks in putting together the MIG fighter planes and other war equipment it had received from the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia.

### A Rendezvous With Disaster

When the President said, "Take it away," with the qualified agreement of his advisers, the shiploads of nervous and excited Cubans set out from Nicaragua for their rendezvous with disaster.

As an overture, Cubans flew planes from Nicaragua to bomb Cuban installations in Havana and elsewhere.

Some were clipped by anti-aircraft fire and limped into Miami under the international distress signal of "May Day."

There the Cuban pilots said they had stolen the planes from the Cuban air force. American officials passed this untruth along to the American public, while shielding the Cuban fliers from inquisitive and doubtful newspapermen.

THE INVASION force of 1,000 to 1,500 Cubans, recruited and trained by the CIA, hit the inelegantly named Bay of Pigs before daybreak on April 17, and the tragedy began to unfold rapidly.

The MIG fighter planes were not still in their packing crates. They were in the air, manned by expert pilots.

The Castro air force sank the radio communications ship of the rebels and also the ship carrying the rebels' tanks.

Most of the invaders were captured. Many were killed. Some escaped to join other guerrilla fighters in the mountains of south central Cuba.

IT CAN be truthfully said that no official units of the U.S. armed services took part in the invasion.

But it is known that ships of the U.S. Navy happened to be in the neighborhood of the ill-fated invasion and helped rescue some of the survivors. The full details of this part of the invasion are still clouded in official mystery.

MEANWHILE, back at the White House...

On the evening of April 18, about 36 hours after the invasion of Cuba began, President Kennedy realized, while donning his formal attire for the congressional reception, that disaster was closing in on him.

The country was still unaware of the debacle in Cuba, but every bulletin brought to the President increased his own gloom and that of his staff.

The President did the old "show must go on" routine and sweated out the reception, which lasted until 1 a.m. Then he spent several more hours trying to pull the pieces together, and to launch a new chapter in the Cuban fight.

### Shows Mental, Physical Strain

For the first time since he took office, Mr. Kennedy showed physical and mental strain during these critical days. But his aides noted during that fateful and worrisome week that once his decision was clear,

the spark came back to the President, and they saw again the man who knew where he was going and what had to be done.

HUMILATING as the recent events in Cuba were to the President and to the United States, there were some positive values came out of the experience.

First, the picture of the Fidel Castro regime as a Soviet operation seems more clearly delineated throughout Latin America today than it had before.

U.S. officials noted with some satisfaction that the "popular demonstrations" for Castro in Latin America after the abortive invasion were pretty purely Communist affairs in each country.

There is the definite belief that the average citizen in Latin America may be coming around to the belief that there is something other than "Yankee imperialism" to worry about in this world.

The stiffening attitude of other Latin American nations toward Cuba in recent days supports this optimistic belief. Nine members of the OAS have severed diplomatic relations with Cuba, and others are showing signs of disenchantment with Castro.

SECOND, the United States has a clearer picture of the smooth controls that Castro and his Communist advisers have established in Cuba.

The failure of the Cuban underground to create chaos at the time of the invasion was a valuable lesson in this respect.

With apparently good intelligence sources himself among the revolutionary forces, Castro threw some 30,000 or 40,000 Cubans of doubtful loyalty into jails a day or two before the invasion. Until then, the anti-Castro underground had shown signs of real effectiveness.

THIRD AND last, the Cuban fiasco has once and for all ended the pretense that the United States is some kind of a sideline observer of the Cuban crisis, rather than an adversary of the Castro regime.

Because of the amenities of international politics, one



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vital interest in the overthrow of Castro has been covered with a Machiavellian cloak that ill becomes us.

Once Uncle Sam was seen standing naked in the marshes of the Bay of Pigs, in the full glare of a spotlight from a Russian-made tank, the rest of the cleanup job becomes a little easier.

The fact that the CIA was organizing for the Cuban operation became a public secret, and also a matter of high level debate in Washington, late last August.

### A Boot Camp For Refugees

There was a boot camp for Cuban refugees near Homestead, Fla., a CIA operation. (Other training spots on the keys and in other Florida areas were outside the CIA scope, and apparently financed by Cuban sugar lords and related interests.)

One day some boys rode by the Homestead training camp and threw some firecrackers from a truck. Some Cubans came dashing out, firing American

made carbines. One of the boys was shot in the head, but the wound was non-fatal.

The shooting brought out police and newspapermen. The Dade County sheriff's office informed newspapers that it had orders from the federal government to "lay off." There was

no prosecution or extended investigation of the shooting escapade.

BUT THE ROLE of the CIA among Cuban exiles became a conversation piece in south Florida.

Eventually it became an open secret that the CIA was transporting Cuban trainees from the "deactivated" Navy air field at Opa-Locka to a training base in Guatemala.

This kind of thing is unnatural (in peacetime) in the United States. The situation troubled a lot of people.

Newspaper editors in Florida were told that they would endanger the national interest by printing things that were discernable to the eye and the ear.

SINCE there is a Neutrality Act on the law books of the United States, the situation also caused some troubled thoughts in Washington.

The FBI knew what the CIA was up to. FBI agents had in their collection numerous instances of possible violations of the Neutrality Act in south Florida by Cuban exiles under the direction of another branch

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**PUFFING AWAY** at a cigar, Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro visits office of the organization of control of children's centers in Havana (AP)

of the government — the CIA.

After much pained discussion, it was decided at White House and Cabinet level to ignore the presumed violations of the Neutrality Act that were being committed in the areas where exiled Cubans were recruited and trained on U.S. soil.

The moral problem of looking the other way at law violations by our friends finally brought about the decision to have most of the preparation for the assault on Cuba carried on in other countries, notably Guatemala and Nicaragua.

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MUCH OF the deceitfulness of this preparation has been discarded now, thanks to President Kennedy's realistic assertion that if the welfare of the United States is on the gaming table, anything goes.

For that reason, the future may come galloping down on Castro faster than he can dream in his present state of boisterous euphoria over Uncle Sam's humiliation.

And before Fidel's beard is an inch longer, it is quite possible that every male in Havana will be lined up in barber shops waiting for a haircut and a shave with which to greet the new order.



**PRO-CASTRO PICKETS** demonstrate across street from Conrad Hilton Hotel during President Kennedy's stay there.

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## Cubans Seize Invader Chief; Death Likely

Miami, April 27 (UPI).—The top field commander who led the force of exiled Cubans in their abortive invasion has been captured, Fidel Castro's radio said today.

The commander, Roberto San Roman, was believed certain to be executed by firing squad, perhaps as one of the "two or three war criminals" Premier Castro said must die. Apparently fearing world revulsion, Castro announced the other 700 invasion prisoners would be spared.

The radio also announced the capture of Ulises Carbo, son of an anti-Castro leader, the Associated Press reported. It said Carbo, son of Sergio Carbo, former editor of the newspaper Prensa Libre, was seized on a sinking barge in the invasion area.

Havana radio said San Roman, a Cuban army captain and career officer, was discovered among a "new group" of prisoners taken to an internment camp in the swampy Zapata peninsula.

### Others Identify Him

San Roman was tactical commander of the force that landed April 17 at the Bay of Cochinos. The civilian leader and representative of the exile Revolutionary Council, Manuel Artime, still is at large.

San Roman was the officer who rejected evacuation when Castro forces mounted an overwhelming attack and radioed: "I shall never leave my country."

Other prisoners, interrogated on television, have identified him as the officer who finally shouted the command, "every man for himself" instead of surrendering when Castro's tanks closed in on the small invading force.

Havana radio said San Roman gave a false name when he was questioned after capture in an attempt to "elude responsibility and escape the justice of the people."

Castro went on television in an early morning broadcast today and told some 700 prisoners crowded in the Havana Sports Palace that he was going to shoot only "two or three" of the "war criminals" in their ranks.

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## CUBA CHARGES PERIL IS NEAR

MIAMI, April 28 (UPI)—Fidel Castro's Cuba told the world early today that it is in imminent danger of "direct armed aggression by the United States."

Radio Havana said President Osvaldo Dorticos handed the latest Castro charge of "U. S. aggression" to foreign diplomats summoned from their beds to a pre-dawn meeting at his official residence.

The broadcast said Dorticos made the charge thru diplomatic channels because of the "exceptional and dramatic circumstances."

Dorticos said the Castro regime is willing to try to negotiate a settlement with the United States, "but we will fight . . . to the last drop of our blood if they attack us," the radio reported.

The broadcast quoted a note signed by Castro and Dorticos citing "American press reports" as the basis for the Castroite charge that the "ruling circles of the United States" are openly preparing for war against Cuba.

It mentioned reports of U. S. "consultations and soundings" with other Latin American nations "seeking aid for direct armed action against our country."

The broadcast charged that last week's invasion of Cuba by anti-Castro refugees was "organized, equipped, directed and militarily aided by the government of the U. S. A."

"Officials of that government, and even the President of the United States have acknowledged in surprising and public form their participation in this matter," the broadcast said.

"This attitude of the Government of the United States violates the most elemental standards of international law and the principal fundamentals of the UN Charter."

It said Cuba has repeatedly expressed willingness to settle its difference with the United States, while the U. S. Government "has responded with threats, measures of aggression and economic blockades; with sabotage and conspiratorial activities, with air bombardment of our cities and more recently with the invasion of our country, using counter-revolutionary and mercenary troops."

"(The United States) plans now to use its military might against a small country . . . which can never constitute the slightest threat or danger for such a great

power," the broadcast said.

"The revolutionary government . . . denounces by this means the criminal aggression prepared against the fatherland . . . before the peoples of the world."

An earlier broadcast had quoted the Chilean Foreign Office as saying the United States was querying Latin American governments about their willingness to take part in an attack on Cuba.

A Chilean government spokesman is Santiago indignantly denied the statement.

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**Fewer Executions Seen****Cubans Take  
Rebel Chief**

MIAMI, April 27 (UPI)—The top field commander of last week's abortive invasion of Cuba, Brigadier Roberto San Roman, has been captured, Havana Radio reported today.

A broadcast heard here said Gen. San Roman was discovered among a "new group of prisoners taken to an internment area in Zapata Peninsula.

**ARTIME AT LARGE**

Gen. San Roman was the tactical commander of the invaders. The civilian leader of the expedition and representative of the Cuban Exile Revolutionary Council, Manuel Artime, is still at large.

The Cuban radio claimed Gen. San Roman had tried to conceal his identity. It said he gave a false name when he was questioned after his capture in an attempt "to elude his responsibility and escape the justice of the people."

Gen. San Roman's capture was announced a few hours after Premier Fidel Castro said he plans to execute only "two or three war criminals" among the captured invaders of Cuba despite "popular demand" that they all be put to death.

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**CHARGES**

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A Cuban radio broadcast reported later that 12 men were sentenced to long prison terms by a military tribunal in Santa Clara, Las Villas

Province, for counter-revolutionary activities.

Three men received 20-year jail sentences. The others were ordered imprisoned for 10 years.

The bearded Cuban's speech today, tho customarily hostile to the United States, showed no trace of the bitterness toward the captives that he had displayed in other post-invasion statements.

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## Survivor Says Castro Foiled Invasion Linkup

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., April 27 (AP).—A survivor of the Cuban invasion declared today the attack failed largely because Fidel Castro threw troops between the landing army and the underground in the cities.

Manuel Penabaz, stepping off an ore ship which rescued him from the sea, said:

"We never did contact the people (underground).

"We were fighting outside the city in the country. We never could reach the people."

He indicated that the 1,500 invasion troops expected to coordinate their attack last week with an uprising of the underground.

Mr. Penabaz, badly sunburned from his ordeal at sea before his rescue, excitedly switched from good English to Spanish as he related his story on the docks of the Reynolds Metals Co.

### Picked Up at Sea

Mr. Penabaz was one of five survivors of the landing brought here after being picked up from a life raft in the Caribbean Sea Tuesday.

"They fled the invasion beaches in the raft after Castro's army crushed the invaders.

"We are not going to stop this fight because of this failure," he declared, his voice rising.

"When we get the chance, we will go back to Cuba.

"We have only one reason now to return.

"That is to attack again."

In effect he said that Mr. Castro lied when he said the invasion was a United States affair.

"I want to tell this," he said. "Never did we contact American soldiers or have any rela-

tions with the United States in this attack."

He also declared Mr. Castro wrong when the Cuban dictator said the invaders were mercenaries.

"We were true patriots fighting for freedom," said the wiry Penabaz.

### Doubts Castro Warning

He repeated statements made by ship-to-shore telephone to the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that six ships landed the invaders. And the battle broke out within minutes after the troops reached the beach.

But he said he felt sure Mr. Castro's army had no advance notice of the attack.

Newsmen waited almost an hour before they were permitted to talk to Mr. Penabaz. Meanwhile, Government agents interviewed the five and they were given health checkups.

Mr. Penabaz said the other four did not wish to talk to newsmen or be photographed because of possible reprisals against their families in Cuba.

The survivor, fluent in both Spanish and English, wore borrowed slacks, sports shirt, combat jacket and sandals.

Among the 75 newsmen present were several from Mexican newspapers and radio stations.

### Government In Charge

The big, 17,000-ton bauxite ore ship, S. S. Louise, that rescued the five from the life raft docked at the Reynolds Metals Co. aluminum plant docks.

The Government took immediate charge, and immigration, health service and other Federal authorities went aboard as soon as the ship touched the dock.

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(CUBANS)

GREGORY, TEX.--FIVE SURVIVORS OF LAST WEEK'S ILL-FATED INVASION OF CUBA ARRIVED HERE TODAY AND ONE PREDICTED THAT THE ANTI-CASTROITES WOULD BE READY TO TRY ANOTHER INVASION IN SIX MONTHS.

THE FIVE HAD BEEN PICKED UP FROM A RUBBER LIFE RAFT AND WERE BROUGHT HERE ABOARD THE S.S. LOUISE OF THE CARIBBEAN STEAMSHIP CO. THEY WERE QUESTIONED EXTENSIVELY BY U.S. OFFICIALS FOR HALF AN HOUR AND THEN RELEASED.

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MANUEL PENABAZ, 36, WHO SERVED AS FIDEL CASTRO'S JUDGE ADVOCATE DURING THE SIERRA MAESTRA BATTLE AGAINST THE BATISTA REGIME AND WHO TURNED AGAINST CASTRO A MONTH AFTER CASTRO ATTAINED POWER, SPOKE FOR THE GROUP.

HE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY THE OTHERS, EXPLAINING THEY STILL HAD FAMILIES IN CUBA AND FEARED REPRISALS.

PENABAZ SAID THE REBELS DID NOT INTEND TO STOP THE FIGHT BECAUSE OF LAST WEEK'S DEFEAT.

"WHEN WE GET A CHANCE, WE WILL GO BACK--IN SIX MONTHS WE WILL BE READY TO GO AGAIN."

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MIAMI--PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO SAID EARLY TODAY IN HAVANA HE PLANS TO EXECUTE ONLY "TWO OR THREE WAR CRIMINALS" AMONG THE CAPTURED INVADERS OF CUBA DESPITE "POPULAR DEMAND" THAT THEY ALL BE PUT TO DEATH.

CASTRO TOLD 700 TO 800 CAPTIVES MASSED IN HAVANA'S SPORTS PALACE FOR A RADIO-TV PROPAGANDA SPECTACULAR THAT PUTTING THEM ALL TO DEATH "WOULD BELITTLE OUR GREAT VICTORY."

HE SAID THE MEN HE INTENDS TO EXECUTE ALREADY HAD CHARGES PENDING AGAINST THEM, LIKE RAMON CALVINO "WHO COMMITTED MANY CRIMES DURING THE BATISTA REGIME."

CASTRO'S SUDDEN ABANDONMENT OF HIS POLICY OF "NO MERCY TO THE MERCENARIES" APPEARED TO BE A RESULT OF PLEAS FOR CLEMENCY FROM EIGHT LATIN AMERICAN PRESIDENTS AND SCORES OF ORGANIZATIONS SOUTH OF THE BORDER.

CASTRO'S SPEECH TODAY, THOUGH CUSTOMARILY HOSTILE TO THE UNITED STATES, SHOWED NO TRACE OF THE BITTERNESS TOWARD THE CAPTIVES THAT HE HAD DISPLAYED IN OTHER POST-INVASION STATEMENTS.

HE BEHAVED LIKE A BENEVOLENT SCHOOLTEACHER, INTERRUPTING HIS LECTURE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM PRISONERS WHO ROSE AND HELD UP THEIR HANDS FOR RECOGNITION.

CASTRO ALSO:

---SAID THE PEOPLE OF CUBA ARE "IN THE TRENCHES, WAITING FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE YANKEE IMPERIALISTS."

---DENIED THAT HE HAD ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE THAT LAST WEEK'S INVASION WAS COMING, SAYING THAT IF HE HAD FEW OF THE INVADERS WOULD HAVE SURVIVED.

---CLAIMED THAT THE "MUTINEER" PLANES WHICH ATTACKED CUBAN CITIES IN ADVANCE OF THE INVASION WERE U.S. PLANES WITH CUBAN MARKINGS.

---DENIED THAT HE HAD ANY RUSSIAN PLANES, SAYING HIS AIR FORCE WAS MADE UP ONLY OF PLANES "LEFT OVER FROM THE BATISTA REGIME."

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GREGORY, TEX--FIVE SURVIVORS OF LAST WEEK'S  
ABORTIVE ANTI-CASTRO INVASION OF CUBA ARRIVED HERE TODAY ABOARD  
THE MERCHANT SHIP THAT PICKED THEM UP FROM A RAFT 100 MILES FROM  
CUBA.

THE FIVE, POSSIBLY THE ONLY SURVIVORS OF THE COCHINOS BAY  
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THE SURVIVORS WERE QUESTIONED BY IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS  
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## Escaped Rebels Vow To Return to Cuba

MIAMI, Fla., Apr. 27 (AP).—"We're going back. And the sooner the better."

That was the deft hurled today at Fidel Castro by two rugged, sun-tanned Cubans who said that in surviving the bloody repulse of their invasion force they learned lessons that will help them "next time."

The men, 35 and 42, smiled when asked if they and brother rebels were demobilized.

"We're only on leave," one, 35, said. "In a few days we're going back to training camp." "Where?"

### Trainees Unaware of Locale

"Fidel would like to know. Guatemala? Nicaragua? He's not even close in his guesses so far. The men he captured didn't know where they trained for the invasion of April 17. They traveled by night and were restricted to the training area."

His companion, a big man with prematurely gray hair and bristling mustache, said he was an Oriente rancher. Both declined use of their names because of danger to relatives still living under the Castro government.

The older man's beaten-up looking jump boots were the only martial note in a cozy Southwest Miami parlor where they sat with their families and described the rebels' pull-out April 19 under fire and attack by growing hordes of Castro troops.

"I wore those boots on Playa Giron (Giron Beach) on the Southern Cuba coast, and I expect to hit Cuban soil with them again," the wearer said.

### Account of Invasion

This is the account two men gave of the invasion launched by the Cuban revolutionary council and hurried back by Castro's troops:

"Our force—about 1,500 men

—was able to land without difficulty the first day. It was four or five hours before the invaders met any material opposition.

"Most of the opposition came the next day (April 18)—wave after wave of troops; Stalin tanks and a large number of cannon."

"We had landed five tanks, but the turrets of two were out of commission."

"Our weakness was especially in lacking airplanes that could match the performance of the Sea Furies and jets that bombed and machine-gunned our men. Next time, we will have to have aviation that can compete."

### Left Prisoners Behind

"One ship of ours only was sunk—the 2,500-ton Rio Escamido, whose ammunition exploded when the craft was struck by a rocket. All the other ships got away. Not once did the Castro navy interfere with operations off Bahia Cochinos while we were landing and evacuating."

"We captured more than 200 Castro militiamen and troops—and had to leave them behind. Some we confined in a building on which was painted a cross. The men in there were killed by a Castro bomb. Some had hammer-and-sickle tattoos."

The two Cubans said they were on the beach all day of the 19th, ferrying rebels to evacuation craft by outboard motor boat. They said they

brought 51 to safety that way. "Our men fought waist-deep in water," the younger man said.

"The badly wounded had to be left behind. Airplane was to evacuate them but it could not land under the attack of Castro's aviation."

"Four Castro planes were shot down. The pilot of one fell into the ocean. We could see him waving but we were unable to reach him before he sank."

"We did not have a chance to examine the bodies of other Castro pilots killed. But their flying formations convinced us they had been instructed by foreigners."

The two rebel survivors estimated their brigade faced numerical odds of 100-to-1 by the time they withdrew.

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## Castro Tones Down Threats

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It was not certain whether his promise to go easy on the captured invaders would extend to other "enemies of the revolution" arrested in an is-

land-wide roundup coinciding with the attack. A long-time resident of Cuba who arrived here last night said 200,000 Cubans had been arrested.

The prisoners assembled in the sports palace—the great indoor stadium where the "circus trials" of 1959 were held—were represented as all of the "about 1000" captives claimed by the Castorites whose wounds would permit them to appear.

Altho most prisoners apologized for taking part in the invasion or said they had been deceived by lies about Castro's weakness, some expressed opposition to his revolutionary regime.

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## U.S. Force Off Coast, Cuba Says

KEY WEST, April 26 (AP)—Fidel Castro's propaganda machine intensified its efforts today, lashing out at the United States and warning that "forces off the coast of Cuba indicated the possibility of another desperate attack by the imperialists."

Government-controlled radio and television attacked President Kennedy as "an enemy of peace," and described a possible total embargo on U. S. trade with Cuba as "a brutal aggression."

No basis was given for the statement that forces were off the coast of Cuba.

During the day the normal television programs that often include American movies were cut down to make room for editorials on the embargo that Mr. Kennedy has said he is considering.

One editorial said that "in the United States itself the embargo will meet with enormous disapproval."

During the day the Cuban radio reported the arrival of several shipments of food and other supplies, including 25,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate fertilizer from the Soviet Union and 45,000 pounds of rice from Saigon.

Earlier it was announced that two men were executed by firing squads while 50 were jailed for attempting to join anti-Castro invaders last week.

The Havana radio said the Cuban charge d'affaires in Panama has been recalled. The broadcast did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, the Fidel Castro regime announced it will halt the televised questioning of captured invaders, who soon may march before his firing squad.

The last public interrogation was set for tonight after a session in which the son of anti-Castro leader Manuel Antonio de Varona conceded in a telecast monitored at Key West that he was deceived



The Cuban newspaper Revolucion says this photo shows a United States-made B-25 plane shot down during the invasion of Cuba, citing it as "Yankee intervention."

when told the Cuban people would rise against Castro.

Young de Varona argued spiritedly with interrogators however. He asked them if they felt so certain about a public's support of the Castro regime, why did they not hold an election.

While Cuban inquisitors peppered the invasion captives with loaded questions before TV cameras, the first airline passengers arriving in Florida since the conflict were wary in expressing themselves as thankful they were able to leave Cuba.

Most of 86 persons who got off a plane at Miami were Cuban nationals. Some of them scurried away from newsmen seeking interviews. Others refused to identify themselves when telling of life in Cuba under active war conditions.

An old man said "we come from hell."

A Reuters news agency dispatch from Havana said American citizens in Cuba are being advised to register if they wish to go home. A Swiss Embassy official emphasized that repatriation will be strictly a matter of choice.

About 200 American citizens are believed to be in Cuba. About 60 visited the Swiss Em-

bassy this morning to complete registration forms.

Reuters also reported that Industries Minister Ernesto (Che) Guevara received a gunshot flesh wound in his left cheek and ear Tuesday or Wednesday of last week when he dropped an automatic weapon. An authoritative source close to the government discounted Miami reports, that Guevara had tried to commit suicide, Reuters reported. The source also discounted rumors that the government intended to execute all prisoners who took part in the rebel invasion. The feeling in Havana is that prisoners assessed as criminals from the Batista regime and possibly military leaders of the invasion will be executed.

In Washington, the State Department said six American newsmen had been arrested by the Castro government, but have now been released.

Listed as released were Harold K. Mills, the Associated Press; Richard Valeriani, National Broadcasting Co.; Henry Raymond, United Press International; Martin Houseman, United Press International; Robert Perez, Mutual Broadcasting System; and Jay Mallin, Time Magazine.

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MEMPHIS, TENN.--A CUBAN EXILE LEADER CHARGED TODAY THAT COMMUNIST AGENTS INFILTRATED ANTI-CASTRO GROUPS AND TIPPED OFF THE CUBAN PREMIER IN ADVANCE OF LAST WEEK'S ABORTIVE INVASION OF CUBA.

CASTRO "KNEW THE INVASION WAS COMING AND WHO WAS AGAINST HIM," SAID DR. JORGE PICAZA, A FORMER HAVANA BRAIN SURGEON WHO DIRECTED MEDICAL SERVICE FOR THE INVADERS. *Cuba*

HE SAID COMMUNIST AGENTS TOLD CASTRO OF THE INVASION PLANS AND FURNISHED LISTS OF "ALL THOSE PEOPLE" AGAINST HIM.

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(CUBA)

MIAMI -- CUBAN RADIO STATIONS CLAIMED TODAY THAT "APPROXIMATELY 1,000" MEN OF THE INVASION FORCE HAVE BEEN CAPTURED AND DEMANDED THAT THE OTHERS SURRENDER.

THE FORCE WAS ESTIMATED TO HAVE NUMBERED ABOUT 1,200 WHEN THE LANDINGS WERE MADE LAST MONDAY.

THE BROADCASTS ALSO ANNOUNCED THE SURRENDER OF REBEL CAPT. RAFAEL GRENIER MARTINEZ, BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST OFFICER CLAIMED CAPTURED, AND A SECOND PRIEST, FATHER JOSE LUGO.

EARLIER BROADCASTS SAID THE CAPTURED INVADERS WOULD EITHER BE SHOT BY FIRING SQUADS OR GO TO PRISON.

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## A Proposal

MURRAY KEMPTON

We shall know with certainty very little of what really happened in the swamps of Cuba last week. Castro could hardly be expected to give us a plausible account; it is to his interest to inflate the dimensions of the operation.

The chances are that it was all over quite quickly, and that it was smaller than our spokesmen promised or than Castro is likely to say.

But there are certain facts beyond question. What harms our country is the existence of those facts, and not their discussion.

(1) The "invasion" was ordered and directed by the Central Intelligence Agency, an official arm of the United States Government.

The CIA does not appear to have trusted the Cubans with any higher responsibility than being shot at.

On Sunday afternoon, a week ago, members of the Cuban Revolutionary Council, after their meeting at the Hotel Lexington, were picked up by CIA agents—to their surprise and quite possibly against their will—and taken to Miami to be held in protective custody until the CIA had accomplished their revolution for them.

Until last Friday, no leader of the Revolutionary Council was heard to utter a public word. A reporter returning from Miami says that the only press conference held in the name of the Revolutionary Council was conducted by an American.

It should be remembered in this connection that Dr. Miro Cardona, head of the council, had a son on this operation, and that he learned of it for the first time listening to the radio.

(2) The CIA was largely responsible for deciding the date of the invasion and the character of its leadership. The CIA does not trust radical

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ex-Fidelistas; it has given them almost no money. Its illusion seems to be that Cubans will arise for the American Telephone Company. In recent months, liberal civilians of Miro's type have been admitted to the leadership of the Revolutionary Council. But the CIA has discouraged radical activists. The Council is the creature of the CIA, whose agents ordered its formation. This fact in no way clouds the patriotism of Dr. Miro; in point of fact, the CIA's enormous budget was his only real source of supply. What is important is that the CIA, an agency beyond the control of the American Congress, can use federal money to support one faction of a foreign revolution and starve another.

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(3) The CIA in this operation has made public liars of the highest officials of the United States. I do not think them men who lie by habit; the assumption must be that even they did not know what the CIA was doing.

(4) The arrogance of their treatment has left the Cuban revolutionary leaders humiliated and embittered. They have stopped recruiting. We have managed to make brave and honest men ashamed of themselves, because we have treated them as our guests to be shuttled about at our will, the way the Comintern used to dispose of brave and honest men in the twenties and thirties. A patriot can know no shame as dreadful as to feel that he is the agent of a foreign power and that is the way these men have been treated.

Maurice Goldbloom of Current called yesterday to suggest that we offer Castro one CIA man in exchange for every Cuban he captured in that swamp. Not to be shot, but to be employed in his service.

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(CUBA)

MIAMI--HAVANA TELEVISION PANELISTS SPENT NEARLY AN HOUR EARLY TODAY INTERROGATING A PURPORTED PRIEST WHO SAID FIDEL CASTRO'S REVOLUTION "FULFILLS THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST."

THE PRISONER, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS ROMAN CATHOLIC FATHER SEGUNDO LASHERAS CABO, SAID ON A RADIO-TV BROADCAST HE PARACHUTED INTO CUBA WITH LAST WEEK'S INVADERS ONLY BECAUSE AMERICAN INSTRUCTORS DECEIVED HIM. HE SAID HE WAS KEPT A VIRTUAL PRISONER IN AN AMERICAN-RUN TRAINING CAMP IN GUATEMALA.

"I REPENT AND BEG THE PEOPLE OF CUBA TO ACCEPT MY REPENTANCE," HE SAID. "ALL I ASK IS THAT THEY GIVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEND MY WAYS."

THE PRISONER APPEARED ON THE THIRD NIGHT OF GRILLING OF PRISONERS ON THE CUBA-WIDE RADIO-TV NETWORK.

THE PRETENSE THAT THE PRISONERS WERE BEING QUESTIONED BY A PRESS PANEL WAS VIRTUALLY ABANDONED, AND THE PROGRAM TOOK ON MORE AND MORE OF THE ATMOSPHERE OF A COMMUNIST "SHOW TRIAL."

PANELISTS PUMPED QUESTIONS AT PRISONERS IN THE MANNER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS AND EVEN CALLED "WITNESSES." THEY REGULARLY EMBARKED ON LONG SPEECHES EXTOLLING CASTRO AND RUSSIA AND LAMBASTING THE UNITED STATES.

THE PROGRAM, WITH PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING A HYSTERICAL WOMAN, A RANTING MAN, AND ANOTHER MAN WHO THREATENED TO STAB A PRISONER BEFORE THE CAMERAS, CONTRIBUTED TO THE OMINOUS ATMOSPHERE IN CUBA.

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## Havana TV Shows Grilling of Invasion Prisoners

# 'Priest' Likens Castro to Jesus

MIAMI, April 25 (UPI). — Havana TV panelists spent nearly an hour early today interrogating a purported Roman Catholic priest who said Fidel Castro's revolution "fulfills the social doctrine of Jesus Christ."

The prisoner, who identified himself as the Rev. Segundo Las Mercedes Cabo, said he parachuted into Cuba with last week's invaders because American instructors deceived him. He said he was kept a virtual prisoner in an American-run training camp in Guatemala.

### REPENTANCE

"I repent and beg the people of Cuba to accept my repentance," he said. "All I ask is that they give me an opportunity to mend my ways."

The prisoner appeared during the third night of the grilling of prisoners on the Cuban radio-TV network, monitored here.

At the same time, the Russians poured thousands of tons of goods into Cuba to meet growing shortages. An official broadcast said at least three communist shipments reached Havana in the past hours, including oil, trucks, tractors, jeeps and "industrial equipment."

Largest of the three shipments was 30,000 tons landed at Havana today from the "socialist countries." The cargo ranged from foodstuffs and raw materials to textiles. The broadcast was the first to mention sea-borne traffic, meaning the port of Havana has been reopened.

### GRILLING

The ominous grilling of prisoners on the TV programs continued.

Castro himself, in a speech punctuated by cries of "Al Paredon" (To the Wall), mocked pleas for mercy for the 634 prisoners Havana claims to have captured in the invasion. Despite pleas by five Latin American presidents, Havana radio has carried repeated hints of a coming blood bath.

Havana radio yesterday also made the most savage attack yet on President Kennedy, saying he had planned to witness the invasion of



Cuban President Osvaldo Dorticos (at center, with glasses), accompanied by his wife and aides, presides at opening of the National Cattle Fair in Rancho Boyeros. Note Red bloc flags, including the Russian hammer and sickle, on the speakers' platform.

Cuba from an American warship.

It ended with a warning that if "Kennedy continues with his Hollywood cowboy swagger" and "fascist millionaire arrogance," and does not heed the warnings of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, he will "sink like those who sank in the swamps during the invasion."

### ROCKEFELLER

Meanwhile, President Kennedy in Washington prepared to tell New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller about the U. S. role in the Cuban crisis today and assure him the Administration isn't trying to blame the GOP for it.

Gov. Rockefeller's briefing at the White House will follow similar Presidential reports to other Republican leaders, including Sen. Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.).

Mr. Kennedy reiterated that he takes full responsibility for the situation, and told members of his Administration not to try to shift the blame.

On the Havana broadcast last night, two of the questioners wore militia uniforms and a third appeared to have distinctly Oriental features.

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# Joint Chiefs Reveal Stand On Cuba Raid

By RICHARD FRYKLUND

Star Staff Writer

The Joint Chiefs of Staff did not approve of the Cuban landing as it was carried out, a Pentagon source said today.

The story, from a person well qualified to say what happened, is this:

The chiefs were asked to comment on two basic actions—first, a training program for Cuban refugees, in which American military personnel would help whip them into fighting shape; second, a probing action or coastal raid supported by Americans.

## Short of Pilots

The chiefs approved the training program and also the raid, provided, they said, that the landing was limited in its objectives to a test of Castro defenses and refugee fighting abilities and provided that the landing was given adequate air support.

Just who was to fly what planes posed a difficult problem. The Cuban refugees did not have sufficient air crews or planes to do it alone. So the administration had to decide whether to use American Naval or Air Force units.

State Department officials recommended against the use of planes manned by personnel of the United States armed forces, presumably to avoid the possibility that a plane might be shot down and provide the Castro government with proof of direct American intervention.

President Kennedy, according to this report, accepted State Department advice.

## Objectivity Boomeranged

The scope of the raid also was changed from that approved by the Joint Chiefs. Instead of a quick in-and-out raid, the refugees aimed first at a major island uprising and then establishment of a permanent beachhead.

The landing failed, and the Chiefs believe lack of air cover and too ambitious objectives were the reasons.

After the failure, some newspaper post mortems led military men to believe that the Central Intelligence Agency and the State Department were trying to avoid responsibility by suggesting that the Joint Chiefs had endorsed the operation. Now these officers would like to see the outline of their case put on the record.

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# CIA Hid Invasion Plan From Exiles, Paper Says

NEW YORK, April 25 (AP). — The Central Intelligence Agency kept the secret of the Cuban invasion even from certain rebel forces, the New York Post said today in a Washington dispatch.

The Post said that according to information from exile Cuban sources, the leaders of the Cuban Revolutionary Council had no part in directing the actual military operation and no opportunity to co-ordinate with the Cuban underground.

The newspaper said this information had been reluctantly confirmed by administration officials.

The article continued:

"The CIA held the six leading members of the council incommunicado near an abandoned airfield somewhere in Florida while the 'invasion' was under way.

## Couldn't Join Rebels

"They were not permitted to join the rebel forces or speak in their own name. Statements were issued in their behalf of which they had no knowledge.

"Only after it was clear the invasion was going to fail were they consulted by top-ranking United States officials."

The Post continued:

"The story began on Sunday April 15, when members of the Revolutionary Council in New York received word that they should go to Philadelphia. They were then flown from Philadelphia to an abandoned airbase somewhere in Florida. They were quartered in an old, rambling house in a deserted area. Armed guards were posted outside.

"Provisional President Jose Miro Cardona, Defense Minister Antonio de Varona and Manuel Ray were among the six civilian exile leaders kept incommunicado in this house for the next three days.

## "Tight Security"

"The reason for holding them in this fashion was apparently a desire on the part of the United States intelligence officials to maintain tight security.

"The Cuban exile leaders first heard of the invasion from radio news bulletins on Monday. The timing of the operation caught at least some of them off guard. It provided no opportunity to work out plans with the underground inside Cuba to set off sabotage and diversionary incidents.

"The co-ordinator of the Cuban underground had a few days earlier journeyed from the

island to Miami in order to make such plans. The invasion caught him flatfooted and as a result, there was no sabotage or uprising. Some of the Cuban exiles blame the CIA for this failure. The CIA explanation is that it did not entirely trust the underground and chose not to rely upon it.

## Leaders Briefed

"On Tuesday the exile leaders were briefed on the military situation in Cuba by a United States Army colonel. They grew restive, clamored for more information and demanded to be allowed to confer with their supporters.

"At 1 a.m. Wednesday morning, Adolph A. Berle, co-ordinator of the State Department task force on Latin America, was routed from his bed in Washington by an urgent call from the White House and directed to fly to Florida. He was told the invasion seemed definitely to have failed. He arrived at the guarded house in Florida shortly after daybreak and spent the morning canvassing the situation with the Cuban exiles.

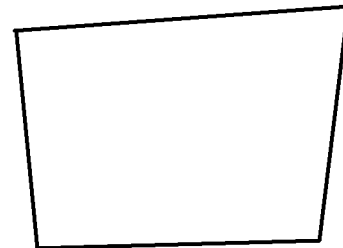
"That afternoon, he flew with them back to Washington where the group met twice, once in the late afternoon and

again early in the evening, with President Kennedy.

"The President, meanwhile, was working between conferences on an entirely new draft of the speech he made the next day to the American Society of Newspaper Editors. After conferring briefly with him a third time the next morning, the Cuban exiles were released from the CIA's protective custody and allowed to go their own ways."

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MIAMI--THE PEOPLE OF CUBA WERE TOLD TODAY THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY INTENDED TO BE A SPECTATOR ABOARD AN AMERICAN WARSHIP AT LAST MONDAY'S INVASION AND THEN LEAD A "VICTORY PARADE" INTO HAVANA.

"BUT AT THE LAST MOMENT, WHEN THE ATTACK DEVELOPED INTO A RETREAT AND THE RETREAT INTO A DEFEAT, THE YANKEE PRESIDENT CANCELLED HIS PLANS TO WITNESS THAT SPECTACLE," A BROADCAST OVER A NATIONWIDE CUBAN NETWORK SAID.

THE RADIO PROGRAM, FIRST CUBAN NEWS PROGRAM SINCE CASTRO'S FOUR-HOUR SPEECH YESTERDAY, REPEATED PORTIONS OF THE ADDRESS THAT INCLUDED HIS WARNING THAT "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES" WILL BE SHOT AS LONG AS "TERRORISM" CONTINUES.

THERE WERE FEARS OF A FIRING-SQUAD BLOODBATH FOR THE 458 MEN WHOM CASTRO OFFICIALLY DECLARES PRISONERS OF THE INVASION. BUT CASTRO NEVER SAID THAT THE PRISONERS DEFINITELY WOULD BE SHOT. FEELING IN MIAMI WAS THAT HE WOULD NOT ATTEMPT ANY SUCH KILLING OF SOLDIERS LEST HE TOUCH OFF A WAVE OF REVULSION.

THE PRESIDENTS OF ARGENTINA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, MEXICO AND VENEZUELA ALL HAVE APPEALED FOR CASTRO CLEMENCY.

WHAT CASTRO SAID, IN EFFECT, WAS THAT THE PRISONERS WOULD BE HELD AS HOSTAGES AND EXECUTED IF ATTEMPTS AGAINST HIS REGIME CONTINUED.

SIGNIFICANTLY, THE RADIO TODAY REBROADCAST THIS PORTION OF HIS ADDRESS:

"LET THEM CEASE THEIR CAMPAIGNS OF TERRORISM, FOR WHILE THEY CONTINUE THEIR CAMPAIGN OF TERRORISM AND FOMENTING THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION WE SIMPLY HAVE TO SHOOT THEM. WE HAVE TO ACT WITH A STRONG HAND."

SIXTY FOUR PERSONS HAVE BEEN EXECUTED IN THE LAST WEEK. ALL WERE ACCUSED SABOTEURS AND OTHER CASTRO ENEMIES, NOT MEMBERS OF THE INVADING FORCE.

ALL NEWS BROADCASTS IN CUBA NOW HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER DIRECTLY BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE COMMENTARY TODAY WAS THE MOST SAVAGE ATTACK YET ON KENNEDY.

THE BROADCAST FROM STATION CMQ AND ITS NATIONAL CHAIN SAID KENNEDY WAS "STILL HOLDING MEETINGS, PREPARING NEW ATTACKS WITH HIS ADVISERS AND HIS 'WORMS'" (THIS IS THE WORD CASTRO HAS GIVEN TO THE INVADERS AND THEIR CUBAN EXILE LEADERS.)

IT SAID "YANKEE SHIPS STILL CONTINUE TO MANEUVER AROUND OUR COAST."

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THE FIRST OF THE PRISONERS "PARADED ON TELEVISION" SHOULD HAVE BEEN KENNEDY, IT SAID.

"BUT MR. KENNEDY DID NOT COME. KENNEDY RESERVED HIMSELF FOR THE VICTORY PARADE, FOR THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO HAVANA TO THE ACCLAIM OF THE LAND BARONS, EXPLOITERS, RACIAL DISCRIMINATORS, THUGS, YOUNG MILLIONAIRES IN COLONELS' UNIFORMS, OF ALL THE ENEMIES OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE.

"MR. KENNEDY DID NOT COME TO PLAYA LARGA OR PLAYA GIRON (THE INVASION POINTS). ALL HE DARED TO DO WAS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE WOULD WITNESS MANEUVERS OF HIS FLEET FROM THE DECK OF AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER LEAVING FROM FLORIDA.

"BUT AT THE LAST MOMENT, WHEN THE ATTACK DEVELOPED INTO A RETREAT AND THE INVASION INTO A DEFEAT, THE YANKEE PRESIDENT CANCELLED HIS PLANS TO WITNESS THAT SPECTACLE," THE RADIO SAID.

(KENNEDY ORIGINALLY HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO WITNESS U.S. NAVAL MANEUVERS IN THE ATLANTIC. LAST WEEK, THE MANEUVERS WERE CALLED OFF.)

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(CUBA)

NEW YORK--FRANCIS L. MCCARTHY, LATIN AMERICAN EDITOR OF UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL, TOLD NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING EXECUTIVES TODAY THAT ANTI-CASTRO REBEL LEADERS FEEL THAT MUCH OF THE BLAME FOR THE FAILURE OF LAST WEEK'S CUBAN INVASION MUST BE BORNE BY THE AMERICAN PRESS.

"THEY FEEL THAT THE AMERICAN PRESS GAVE TOO MUCH PUBLICITY TO INVASION PREPARATIONS," MCCARTHY SAID IN AN ADDRESS AT THE THIRD ANNUAL UPI BREAKFAST PRECEDING THE OPENING OF THE 75TH AMERICAN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.

MCCARTHY TOLD 175 PUBLISHING EXECUTIVES HE BELIEVES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S CURRENT CONSULTATIONS WITH REPUBLICAN PARTY LEADERS IS A PRELUDE TO TWO MOVES:

--SOUND OUT LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS TO FIND OUT HOW FAR THEY ARE WILLING TO GO MILITARILY TO BRING CUBA BACK INTO THE DEMOCRATIC FOLD.

--SOUNDING OUT WESTERN ALLIES SUCH AS CANADA, BRITAIN AND FRANCE TO SEE HOW FAR THEY ARE WILLING TO GO IN SUPPORT OF FURTHER ANTI-CASTRO MOVES.

"I THINK PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAS ACCEPTED THE CONCLUSION THAT THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, WHICH SHOULD DO THE JOB, IS NOT GOING TO DO THE JOB," MCCARTHY SAID.

"CUBAN EXILE LEADERS ARE TOO REALISTIC TO BELIEVE THE OAS WILL JOIN THE UNITED STATES IN A UNITED FRONT AGAINST CASTRO."

MCCARTHY SAID THE ANTI-CASTRO LEADERS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FREE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD JOIN IN A "KOREAN-TYPE ACTION IN CUBA." HE SAID THE EXILES STILL HAVE TRAINED TROOPS IN RESERVE WHICH COULD AID SUCH A MILITARY ACTION.

ONE OF THE FATAL FLAWS OF LAST WEEK'S INVASION, MCCARTHY SAID, WAS THE LACK OF COMBAT TRAINING OF THE PARATROOPERS WHO WERE LANDED IN ADVANCE OF THE LAS VILLAS PROVINCE BEACHHEAD. HE SAID THEY "RETIRED WITHOUT ORDERS" AT THE SOUND OF ARTILLERY FIRE FROM CASTRO'S SOVIET EQUIPMENT.

"THE LAST STRAW THAT BROKE THE INVASION'S BACK WAS CASTRO'S ABILITY TO TAKE REPRESSIVE MEASURES AGAINST 50,000 PEOPLE WHO WERE CAPABLE OF JOINING THE INVADER," MCCARTHY SAID.

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ADD 1 CUBA, WASHINGTON (UPI-72)

--CUBAN PRESIDENT OSVALDO BORTICOS SENT A STRONGLY-WORDED MESSAGE TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS) HERE ASKING IT TO ADVISE THE UNITED STATES AGAINST ANY INTERVENTION IN CUBA. HIS MESSAGE DID NOT CONTAIN ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR SPECIFIC OAS ACTION. IN THE PAST, CUBA HAS REJECTED SEVERAL ATTEMPTS BY THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER AMERICAN REPUBLICS TO RETURN THE CUBAN PROBLEM TO THE OAS. IN HIS SPEECH, BERLE SAID CUBANS DO NOT ACCEPT CASTRO'S "BETRAYAL" OF THEIR COUNTRY.

"DESPITE THE TRAGIC DEFEAT OF A FEW DAYS AGO, THE CONTEST WILL CONTINUE UNTIL CUBA IS ONCE MORE FREE," HE SAID.

KENNEDY, HE SAID, HAS "MADE CLEAR THAT FOREIGN INTERVENTION DOES NOT CEASE TO BE FOREIGN INTERVENTION BECAUSE IT FLIES A FOREIGN FLAG AND CLAIMS TO BE A SOCIAL REVOLUTION."

IN THE "HEROIC DRAMA" OF THE PAST 10 DAYS, HE SAID, "SIGHT MUST NOT BE LOST OF THE GREAT AND HISTORIC ISSUE: WHETHER LATIN AMERICA SHALL GROW AND FLOURISH IN FREEDOM, OR AS A PROVINCE OF OVERSEAS COMMUNIST EMRES."

THIS, HE SAID, "DEPENDS IN PART ON US."

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(JOHNSTON-CUBA)

WASHINGTON--SEN. OLIN D. JOHNSTON, D-S.C., SAID TODAY "LEFT-WING PAPERS" AND SOME "SLICK MAGAZINES HAD AS MUCH TO DO WITH HELPING CASTRO TAKE OVER CUBA AS ANYTHING."

JOHNSTON ACCUSED THEM OF BIASED COVERAGE OF CASTRO'S ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES AND PREJUDICED STORIES AGAINST FORMER CUBAN DICTATOR FULGENCIO BATISTA.

THIS, JOHNSON SAID, GENERATED FINANCIAL, MORAL AND OTHER SUPPORT FOR CASTRO IN THIS COUNTRY.

JOHNSTON, IN HIS NEWSLETTER, SAID "THESE LEFT-WING PAPERS AND SLICK MAGAZINES FAILED TO CARRY THE WARNING MESSAGE TO OUR PEOPLE AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS OF THE COMMUNIST DOMINATION OF CASTRO IN CUBA."

HE SAID THE LARGE PAPERS AND MAGAZINES WHICH HE DID NOT IDENTIFY, MISLED THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE PUBLIC BY BLANDLY SUPPORTING CASTRO.

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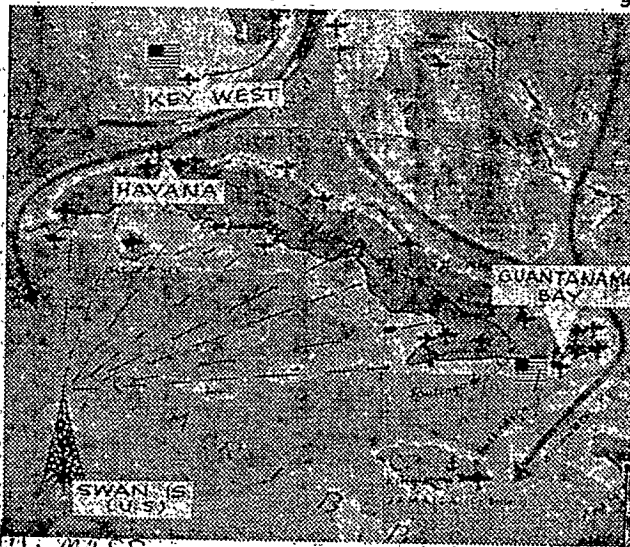
By JOHN CHAFFEE JR.

Two prominent Boston businessmen are involved in the operation of a powerful anti-Castro radio station in the Caribbean that is broadcasting military information to rebel units in Cuba, The Herald learned yesterday.

## Ex-Security Head

From obscure Great Swan Island, 97 miles off the coast of Honduras and 300 miles southwest of Cuba, Radio Swan yesterday broadcast mysterious instructions to three battalions, two squadrons and one air group.

The island is one of a group owned by the family of Summer Smith, of Sandy Pond road, Lincoln.



(AP Wirephoto Map)

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SWAN ISLAND—Location of Cuban rebel radio.

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coln, chairman of the board of Abington Textile Machinery Works, 19 Congress St., Boston.

Radio Swan is operated by the Gibraltar Steamship Co., a New York corporation that is said to own no ships. Its president is listed as Thomas Dudley Cabot, president and director of Godfrey L. Cabot, Inc., the world's largest producer of carbon black.

Cabot, a former president of United Fruit Co., lives at 31 Farm Rd., Weston. His office is at 125 High St., Boston. He was head of the State Department's Office of International Securities Affairs in 1951. *Jack D.*

Smith told The Herald yesterday that eight or ten years ago he foreclosed a mortgage on the Swan Islands located on the southern edge of Cayman Trough in the Caribbean. He said he has since transferred ownership of the islands to his four children.

Asked if he were a stockholder in the Gibraltar Co., Smith said he didn't know if he still was or not, but acknowledged that he had been at one time and was aware that Cabot had been connected with the firm.

"I haven't seen Tom Cabot for some time," Smith said, "so I don't know if he's still involved with the radio station or not."

### DISOWNED BY U. S.

A spokesman for the Cabot corporation said Cabot was in Europe on business.

According to the Associated Press, Radio Swan broadcasts from a powerful 50 kilowatt transmitter on Great Swan

Island. It began operating last June and was immediately disowned by the State Department and the United States Information Agency.

Cuban Premier Fidel Castro charged it was a State Department propaganda outlet.

Actually, the USIA had planned a similar project to provide Cubans with objective news reports. The agency said it abandoned the idea because of "interference and licensing" problems.

Radio Swan yesterday told two rebel "battalians" apparently fighting on Cuban soil that help was on the way and urged them not to surrender.

The appeal was made a few hours after the Castro government put before Havana television cameras some prisoners captured after last weekend's invasion. One admitted their mission failed and said not too many rebels had escaped. Others said propaganda from Swan Island and North American had misled them.

### FORECLOSURE TOLD

The Swan Island broadcast, monitored by the Associated Press in Miami, also repeated troop movement instructions it had sent out during the night.

Despite its name, Great Swan Island is only a speck in the sea and is unlisted on most maps. It is two miles long and a half-mile wide. Its population is about 40 persons, including five United States weathermen and about a dozen persons operating the radio station. Its other inhabitants are natives.

The United States and Honduras both claim the island. Smith said he foreclosed on the Swan Island trustees, a commercial group that had hoped to

raise coconuts, cut lumber and provide water for the Navy on the islands. His father, the late Charles Sumner Smith, acquired the mortgage many years ago, Smith said.

His four children now own the islands and lease facilities to the Gibraltar Co. for Radio Swan, Smith said. He identified the owners as Sumner Smith, Jr., of Chassett; Charles W. Smith, of Boro; Mrs. John G. Cornish, Brookline, and Mrs. John Bagby, of Birmingham, Mich.



THOMAS D. CABOT  
Radio Swan President



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ADD CUBA, UNDATED (UPI-2)

THE MINISTRY STATION, REPORTED TWO GUNBOATS WERE FIRING ON THE BEACH FROM OFFSHORE. THEY WERE NOT FIRING AT THE PLANES, INDICATING THE BOATS WERE PART OF THE INVASION FORCE. THE GOVERNMENT INTERNAL NETWORK REPORTS INDICATED THE INVADERS HAD ESTABLISHED AT LEAST ONE FIRM BEACHHEAD. ONE INTERCEPTED BROADCAST SAID FIVE MILITIAMEN WERE KILLED AND THREE INJURED IN THE EARLY MORNING FIGHTING. CASTRO RUSHED A BATTALION OF SOLDIERS TO THE BATTLE AREA. REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS IN EXILE IN THE U.S. SAID A SIMULTANEOUS UPRISING HAD BEGUN WITHIN CUBA.

THEY SAID IT WAS SIGNALLED BY A CODED MESSAGE BROADCAST TO THE ISLAND OVER A REBEL TRANSMITTER STARTING AT 10 P.M. EST LAST NIGHT.

REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS SAID THE INVASION ACTUALLY STARTED SATURDAY NIGHT WHEN "HUNDREDS OF CUBAN ARMY OF LIBERATION TROOPS" WENT ASHORE IN ORIENTE PROVINCE IN EASTERN CUBA.

MIRO CARDONA, LEADER OF THE EXILES SAID THE ANTI-CASTRO FORCES HAD "INFILTRATED" THE ORIENTE AREA AND MET "NO OPPOSITION." THE CUBAN ARMY RADIO NETWORK MENTIONED NOTHING OF THIS.

RADIO SWAN, A POWERFUL TRANSMITTER ON AN ISLAND OFF HONDURAS, SAID CASTRO'S CIVILIAN MILITIA WAS "STARTING TO DISBAND."

"FORCES EN MASSE HAVE UNITED WITH PATRIOTS OF THE LIBERATION ARMY," IT SAID. "CIVILIANS UNITE WITH THE LIBERATION..."

THERE WAS, SO FAR, NO INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION.

THROUGHOUT THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING, CASTRO'S MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS RADIOS PROVIDED A MINUTE BY MINUTE DESCRIPTION OF THE BATTLE.

MOST OF THE TRANSMISSIONS INVOLVED FRANTIC MESSAGES FROM A STATION IN MATANZAS NEAR THE BATTLE AREA TO HEADQUARTERS IN HAVANA.

AT 4:45 A.M., CUBAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS NOTIFIED THE BESIEGED BEACH FORCES THAT BATTALION 225 HAD BEEN RUSHED TO THE BEACH AREA.

AT 4:48 THE MATANZAS TRANSMITTER, SAID "THERE IS NOW NO COMMUNICATION WITH ANY OF THE THREE LANDING AREAS."

AT 4:59 A.M., MATANZAS ADVISED HAVANA "THE GIRON BEACH LANDING WAS EFFECTED" BUT THAT ANOTHER ATTEMPTED INVASION AT LARGA BEACH WAS HELD BACK BY FOUR MILITIAMEN "WHO PREVENTED THEM FROM LANDING."

BOTH BEACHES ARE IN COCHINO BAY, ABOUT 90 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HAVANA.

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WASHINGTON--U.S. OFFICIALS CLOSELY WATCHED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CUBAN INVASION TODAY. BUT BOTH THE WHITE HOUSE AND STATE DEPARTMENT DECLINED COMMENT IN THE EARLY HOURS AFTER THE FIGHTING STARTED.

A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ONLY "WE HAVE NO COMMENT." SIMILARLY THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT FROM PRESS SECRETARY RETARY SALINGER.

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(CUBA)

WASHINGTON--CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAUL ROA PLANNED TODAY TO CHARGE AT THE U.N. THAT THE U.S. STAGED THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY INVASION, IT WAS REPORTED.

QUINTIN PINO, ALTERNATE CUBAN DELEGATE TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, SAID ROA AND OAS AMBASSADOR CARLOS LECHUGA WOULD PRESENT THE CHARGE TODAY IN NEW YORK.

PINO SAID CUBA WOULD TAKE NO ACTION WITHIN THE OAS, WHICH HE TERMED "A PUPPET ORGANIZATION OF YANKEE IMPERIALISM."

INFORMED OF REPORTS THAT THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, HEADED BY JOSE MIRO CARDONA, ALREADY WAS ON CUBAN SOIL WITH INVADERS, PINO SAID:

"IT IS BETTER. WE CAN LIQUIDATE THE WORMS THERE."

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(CUBA)

UNITED NATIONS--UNITED NATIONS DIPLOMATS LOOKED TO LATIN  
 AMERICA TODAY TO EASE THE RISING TENSION BETWEEN THE  
 U.S. AND CUBA.

THE 20-NATION LATIN AMERICAN GROUP WAS WORKING ON A CONCILIATORY  
 RESOLUTION AIMED AT KEEPING THE HAVANA-WASHINGTON FEUD OUT OF THE  
 ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, AND WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS.  
 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S MAIN POLITICAL COMMITTEE RESUMES  
 DEBATE ON CUBA'S AGGRESSION CHARGES AGAINST THE U.S. AT 10:30  
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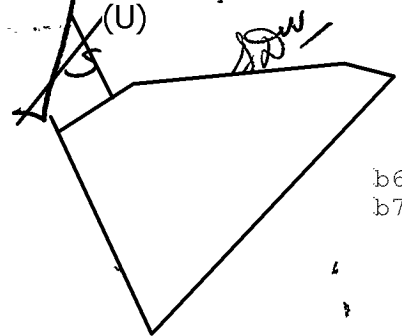
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(PILOTS)

MIAMI--THE U. S. GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM YESTERDAY TO THREE  
DEFECTING CUBAN PILOTS WHO FLEW HERE IN TWO PLANES WHICH BOMBED  
CUBAN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

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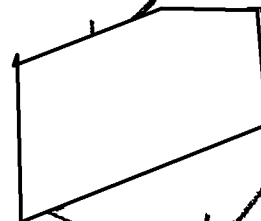
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ADD CUBA, UNITED NATIONS  
STEVENSON SAID THE U.S. HAS NO OBLIGATION TO PROTECT FIDEL CASTRO FROM HIS OWN PEOPLE.  
STEVENSON UNDERLINED RUSK'S ASSERTION THAT THE U.S. WAS IN SYMPATHY WITH THE INVASION ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT STAGED FROM AMERICAN SOIL.  
"OUR MOTTO HAS ALWAYS BEEN: PROGRESS YES; TYRANNY NO," STEVENSON SAID.  
SOVIET AMBASSADOR VALERIAN A. ZORIN SAID STEVENSON'S REPLY TO ROA WAS "CLEARCUT AND IRREFUTABLE PROOF OF THE DIRECT COMPLICITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE INVASION OF CUBA WHICH NOW IS GOING ON."  
STEVENSON SAID CASTRO'S REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT "BETRAYED THE CUBAN REVOLUTION" AND WAS NOW SEEKING TO "OVERTHROW OTHER REGIMES BY FORCE."  
"IT IS NOT THE UNITED STATES WHICH IS THE CAUSE OF DR. CASTRO'S TROUBLE, IT IS DR. CASTRO HIMSELF...", STEVENSON SAID, "IF TODAY, CUBA'S MILITIA ARE HUNTING DOWN GUERRILLAS, THEY ARE HUNTING DOWN CUBANS, NOT AMERICANS. IF THE CUBAN REGIME IS TO BE OVERTHROWN, IT WILL BE BY CUBANS, NOT AMERICANS."  
"THE UNITED STATES HAS NO OBLIGATION TO PROTECT CASTRO FROM HIS OWN PEOPLES."  
ZORIN DEMANDED THAT THE 99-NATION COMMITTEE MEET AT 3 P.M. TO "WORK OUR URGENT MEASURES TO FORESTALL FURTHER TERRIBLE EVENTS." HE SUGGESTED A SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE FULL GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH WOULD CONFLICT WITH THE COMMITTEE'S AFTERNOON MEETING BE POSTPONED TO TONIGHT.

THE COMMITTEE AGREED.

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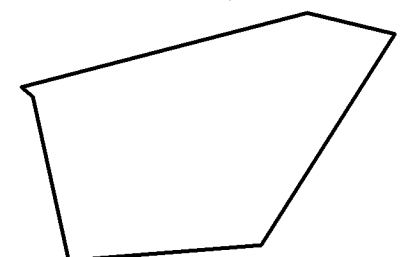
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(SOVIET - CUBA)

MOSCOW--THE SOVIET TASS NEWS AGENCY SAID TON GHT THAT RUSSIA AND THE COMMUNIST WORLD ARE "PREPARED TO GIVE THE CUBAN PEOPLE THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT."

THE AGENCY, IN A COMMENTARY BY I. ORLOV, BLAMED THE ATTACK ON CUBA ON THE UNITED STATES AND DEMANDED A HALT TO THE "AGGRESSION." IT DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE OFFER OF HELP.

"THE GAMBLERS FROM THE IMPERIALIST CAMP SHOULD DO WELL TO REMEMBER THAT CUBA IS NOT ALONE," TASS SAID. "CUBA HAS MANY FRIENDS, NOT ONLY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. SHE HAS THE WHOLE OF PROGRESSIVE MANKIND AT HER SIDE."

"THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, INDEED ALL THE PEACE-LOVING NATIONS, ARE AMONG HER MOST DEVOTED FRIENDS, PREPARED TO GIVE THE CUBAN PEOPLE THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT."

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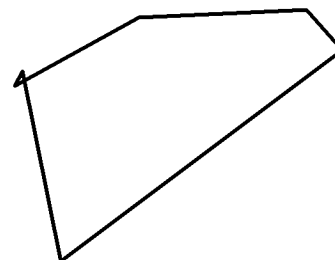
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THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL SAID, HOWEVER, THAT PARTISANS WERE STRIKING THROUGHOUT THE NATION. IT SAID IN SANTA CLARA PROVINCE, WHERE CASTRO BROKE THE BACK OF THE FORCES OF DICTATOR FULGENCIO BATISTA IN DECEMBER, 1958, A MAJOR BRIDGE HAS BEEN DESTROYED.

IT SAID THE INVASION FORCE AND SABOTEURS PUT ASHORE DURING THE LAST 10 DAYS WERE USING EXPLOSIVES SO MODERN THEY WERE "NOT KNOWN TO THE FORCES OF THE DICTATOR (CASTRO)."

THE ACTUAL INVASION WAS SPREAD OVER A PERIOD OF TWO DAYS.

ON SATURDAY NIGHT, AFTER BOMBINGS OF THREE CUBAN BASES, A FORCE LANDED IN ORIENTE PROVINCE IN THE EAST AND FANNED OUT INTO THE MOUNTAINS. MONDAY BEFORE DAWN, THE MAIN FORCES HIT AT THE BAY OF COCHINOS.

CASTRO SPOKESMEN CONTINUED TO EXHORT THE PEOPLE BY RADIO TO BACK THE GOVERNMENT.

RADIO BAYAMO WHERE THE FIRST INVASION OCCURRED, URGED MOUNTAIN PEOPLE TO "FIGHT AGAINST THE IMPERIALIST INVADERS."

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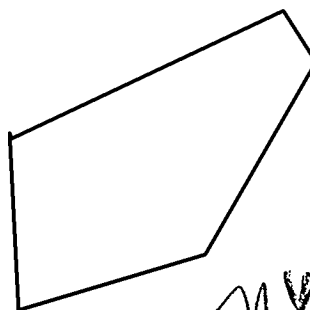
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OTTAWA--CUBAN AMBASSADOR AMERICO CRUZ TODAY ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES OF CUTTING NORMAL COMMUNICATION LINKS WITH CUBA IN ORDER TO CREATE AN INCORRECT IMPRESSION OF THE INVASION.

FOLLOWING THE EARLY MORNING INVASION, HE SAID HE TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO REACH HIS GOVERNMENT FROM CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO TO RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS. HE SAID LINES HAD BEEN CLOSED IN NEW YORK AND THAT SIMILAR ACTION HAD TAKEN PLACE IN MEXICO.

HE SAID HE FINALLY RECEIVED "PERSONAL INSTRUCTIONS" BY A CANADIAN PACIFIC TELEGRAPH CABLE SENT VIA JAMAICA AND NOT PASSING THROUGH THE UNITED STATES.

CRUZ TOLD NEWSMEN THE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR SEVERING THE LINKS WERE AMERICANS.

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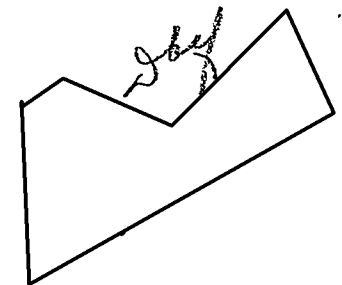
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UPI-230

(CUBA)

MIAMI--THE CASTRO NAVAL OBSERVATION STATION AT VARADERO REPORTED  
TONIGHT IT HAD SPOTTED A FLEET OF EIGHT STRANGE SHIPS OFF CARDENAS,  
NORTH COAST SEAPORT ABOUT 85 MILES EAST OF HAVANA.

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(GUATEMALA)

WASHINGTON--THE GUATEMALAN EMBASSY ISSUED AN OPEN INVITATION TODAY TO U.S. AND FOREIGN NEWSMEN TO INSPECT GUATEMALA'S COASTLINE TO DETERMINE WHETHER CUBAN GUERRILLAS ARE BEING TRAINED HERE.

AN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO TAKE THE NEWSMEN TO THE DIFFERENT COASTAL TOWNS TO INSPECT THE WHOLE AREA.

THE INVITATION WAS ISSUED AFTER THE GOVERNMENT DENIED THE CUBAN INVADERS CAME FROM GUATEMALA.

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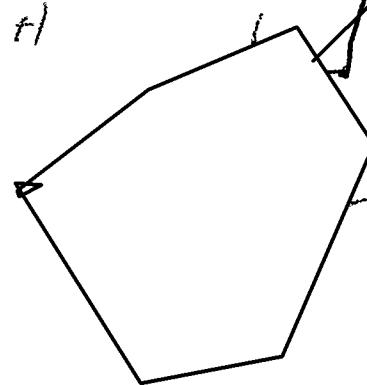


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(GUATEMALA)  
OMAHA, NEB.--THE COMMANDER OF THE GUATEMALAN AIR FORCE TODAY DENIED  
THAT HIS COUNTRY FURNISHED BASES OR FACILITIES FOR ANTI-CASTRO  
FORCES INVADING CUBA.  
COL. JOSE LUIS ALEMUS RAMIS SAID NONE OF THE GUATEMALAN FACILITIES  
WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO ANY ANTI-CASTRO FORCES. HIS STATEMENT ECHOED  
A DENIAL OF CUBAN CHARGES IN GUATEMALA ITSELF.

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UPI-156

(CUBA)

NEW YORK--A NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY CORRESPONDENT IN MEXICO CITY TODAY QUOTED CUBAN EXILE HEADQUARTERS THERE AS SAYING INVADERS HAD CAPTURED THE CITY OF PINAR DEL RIO.

PINAR DEL RIO IS THE CAPITAL OF CUBA'S WESTERN-MOST PROVINCE OF THE SAME NAME.

THE CORRESPONDENT SAID MEXICO CITY EXILES HAD RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORTS FROM MIAMI AND FROM CLANDESTINE SHORT WAVE RADIO IN CUBA THAT PREMIER CASTRO'S MILITARY GUARD HAD BEEN KILLED BY REBEL FORCES ALREADY OPERATING IN THE INTERIOR OF CUBA. THESE REPORTS SAID CASTRO ESCAPED UNHARMED.

THE NBC REPORT QUOTED AN EXILE SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THE INVASION WAS "MOVING AHEAD FAVORABLY" IN MATANZAS AND IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA--THE FORMER A PROVINCE, THE LATTER A CITY IN EASTERN MOST ORIENTE PROVINCE.

INVADING PARACHUTISTS WERE BEING DROPPED IN THE ISLE OF PINES, ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS.

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ADD CUBA, NEW YORK

A FORCE WHOSE TOTAL STRENGTH WAS ESTIMATED AT 5,000 TRAINED MEN STRUCK FROM BASES IN "MORE THAN ONE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY," ACCORDING TO INVASION LEADERS, AND SMASHED VIA LAND, SEA AND AIR AT CASTRO'S COMMUNIST-ARMED TROOPS ON THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN CUBAN COASTS.

FRANTIC CUBAN GOVERNMENT RADIO MESSAGES SAID AT LEAST ONE DESTROYER WAS OPERATING OFF THE COAST.

CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED HIGH AND THE CUBAN RED CROSS ISSUED CALLS FOR BLOOD DONATIONS AND MOBILIZATION OF ITS PERSONNEL IN THE MAIN ATTACK AREA IN SOUTHERN LAS VILLAS AND MATANZAS PROVINCES AT THE WAIST OF CUBA.

A SEGMENT OF THE CUBAN NAVY WAS REPORTED IN REVOLT AGAINST CASTRO.

THE POWERFUL CARIBBEAN TRANSMITTER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, DIRECTED BY FORMER CASTRO PREMIER JOSE MIRO CARDONA IN A SECRET UNITED STATES HEADQUARTERS, SAID NEW CUBAN AIR FORCE UNITS HAD JOINED THE "LIBERATING" FORCES.

THE MAIN BLOW OF THE INVADING FORCE WAS AT THE BAHIA DE CO HINOS (BAY OF PIGS). THE ATTACKERS SECURED BEACHHEADS IN THE PRE-DAWN HOURS AND APPEARED TO HAVE KNOCKED BACK CASTRO FORCES IN THE INITIAL ASSAULT.

REPORTS OF THE FIGHTING THERE STILL WERE VAGUE TONIGHT AS THE CASTRO ARMH SWITCHED ALL RADIO TRANSMISSIONS TO CODE. THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL SAID THE INVADERS SUCCESSFULLY LANDED "MILITARY SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT" FOR USE BY INTERNAL RESISTANCE FORCES ALREADY OPERATING IN CUBA.

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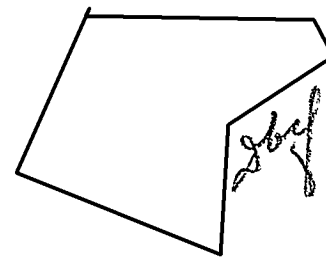
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ADD 4 CUBA, NEW YORK (UPI-212)

THE ANTI-CASTRO REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL SAID IT HAD INFORMATION THAT "MUCH OF THE MILITIA IN THE COUNTRYSIDE HAVE ALREADY DEFECTED." IT SAID THE 300,000-MAN MILITIA FORCE WAS "EVER DWINDLING."

DESPITE OPTIMISTIC REBEL REPORTS, HOWEVER, AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS SAID THE INVASION HAD NOT YET MADE AS MUCH PROGRESS AS ITS LEADERS MIGHT HAVE HOPED.

ITS FARTHEST POINT INLAND WAS SAID TO BE 20 MILES.

THERE WERE NO ACTUAL EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF FIGHTING.

THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL SAID THE "PRINCIPAL BATTLE AGAINST FIDEL CASTRO WILL BE FOUGHT IN THE NEXT FEW HOURS." IT SAID TODAY'S ACTION WAS "LARGELY OF A SUPPORT NATURE" TO THE ANTI-CASTRO FORCES ALREADY IN CUBA.

THE COUNCIL PREDICTED THE COUNTRY WOULD RISE "EN MASSE" BY DAWN TUESDAY AGAINST THE CASTRO REGIME.

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TASS SAID "WORLD PUBLIC OPINION" WAS INCENSED BY THE INVASION AND ALSO WAS READY TO COME TO THE AID OF CUBA.

IT CHARGED THAT THE INVASION "HAS BEEN PREPARED IN THE OPEN FOR MONTHS ON THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES AND IN GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA, AND COSTA RICA, THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES CONTROLLED BY UNITED STATES MONOPOLIES."

"WHAT STRIKES THE EYE IS THAT THE BOMBING OF CUBAN CITIES BY AIRCRAFT BASED ON THE UNITED STATES TERRITORY AND THE PRESENT INVASION OF CUBA TOOK PLACE JUST A FEW DAYS AFTER THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT GAVE ASSURANCE AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT ALLOW AN ATTACK ON CUBA FROM HER TERRITORY," THE AGENCY ADDED.

"IT IS CLEAR TO EVERYONE, HOWEVER, THAT NOBODY COULD HAVE INDULGED IN ORGANIZING AND CARRYING OUT SUCH AGGRESSIVE OPERATIONS WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE, APPROVAL, AND ACTIVE COOPERATION OF THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES."

TASS SAID A MAN NAMED COL. LOPEZ, WHOM IT IDENTIFIED AS A FORMER ASSOCIATE OF EX-DICTATOR FULGENCIO BATISTA, "WAS REPORTED TO HAVE MET HIGH-RANKING PENTAGON OFFICIALS" AS A PRELUDE TO THE INVASION.

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NEW YORK--INVADING CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY FORCES BATTLED FIDEL  
CASTRO TROOPS IN THE SWAMPLANDS 90 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HAVANA  
MONDAY AND NAVY AND AIR FORCE UNITS WERE REPORTED JOINING ANTI-  
CASTRO PARTISANS IN THE FIGHT TO OVERTHROW THE CUBAN PREMIER.

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CUBAN REVOLUTIONARIES INVADED THEIR ISLAND HOMELAND BY AIR  
AND SEA TODAY AND CLASHED WITH FIDEL CASTRO'S FORCES IN A VIOLENT  
WATERFRONT BATTLE JUST 90 MILES FROM HAVANA.

LAUNCHING A LONG-AWAITED OFFENSIVE AGAINST CASTRO, THE  
REVOLUTIONARIES INVADED FROM THE SEA SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT.  
THEY STRUCK INTO THE SWAMPY AREA AROUND THE BAY OF COCHINA.  
THIS LIES SOUTH OF MATANZAS PROVINCE.

SEVERAL HOURS AFTER DAWN THE GOVERNMENT INTERNAL RADIO  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM---COMMANDEERED BY THE ARMY---REPORTED THE  
INVADERS WERE DROPPING BY PARACHUTE, PLANES WERE BOMBING AND  
STRAFING THE BEACHHEAD AREA, AND TWO GUNBOATS WERE SUPPORTING  
THE ASSAULT.

THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF "THE BATTLE TO LIBERATE OUR HOMELAND  
FROM THE DESPOTIC RULE OF FIDEL CASTRO AND RID CUBA OF  
INTERNATIONAL CRUELTY AND OPPRESSION," SAID JOSE MIRO CARDONA,  
PRESIDENT OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, IN A STATEMENT RE-  
LEASED IN NEW YORK.

RADIO SWAN, THE POWERFUL ANTI-CASTRO TRANSMITTER ON A CARIBBEAN  
ISLAND, BROADCAST MIRO CARDONA'S PROCLAMATION OF REVOLT TO ALL  
CUBANS.

IN THE INITIAL HOURS, THE CASTRO-CONTROLLED CUBAN COMMERCIAL  
STATIONS IGNORED THE SITUATION.

TWO WEEKS OF INTENSIVE ANTI-CASTRO SABOTAGE INSIDE CUBA  
PRECEDED TODAY'S ASSAULT.

THIS MORNING'S BIG ASSAULT CAME SOMETIME BEFORE 3A.M., EST,  
WHEN RADIO REPORTS OF FIRING WERE RECEIVED FROM MATANZAS PROVINCE.

IN THE INITIAL HOURS, NO IMMEDIATE REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE  
HAVANA BUREAU OF UPI. THE SOUTHERN BELL

TELEPHONE CO. IN MIAMI REPORTED THAT ALL PHONE SERVICE TO CUBA  
HAD BEEN CUT OFF. NO EXPLANATION WAS GIVEN FROM HAVANA.

THE FIRST OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE SITUATION CAME  
WHEN CMQ, A GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED BROADCAST STATION IN HAVANA,  
AIRCRAFT A GENERAL ORDER THAT "ALL MILITIA STATIONS IN HAVANA SHOULD  
JOIN THEIR UNITS IMMEDIATELY." THIS WAS JUST BEFORE 8 A.M.  
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PREVIOUS REPORTS CAME FROM A LOCAL TRANSMITTER OF THE MINISTRY  
OF THE INTERIOR IN MATANZAS PROVINCE, WHICH WAS RELAYING BEACH-  
HEAD REPORTS FROM DEFENDING CASTRO FORCES TO HAVANA.

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ROA ALSO CHARGED THAT TWO CUTLASS JET PLANES FROM AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT CARRIER ESCORTED A REBEL B26 BOMBER TO SAFETY WHEN IT WAS BEING PURSUED BY A JET PLANE OF FIDEL CASTRO'S REVOLUTIONARY AIR FORCE. HE SAID HIS INFORMATION WAS BASED ON A COMMUNICATION TONIGHT WITH DR. OSVALDO DORTICOS, PRESIDENT OF THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT.

"THIS MEANS THAT THE MERCENARY INVASION PROMOTED, ORGANIZED, ARMED AND FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS NOW PROGRESSIVELY BECOMING A DIRECT MILITARY INVASION," ROAD SAID. "THIS CERTAINLY BRINGS UP A FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION WHICH IS NOT NOW JUST BETWEEN CUBA AND THE UNITED STATES, BUT IS BEFORE THE WORLD."

"THIS MEANS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS GONE BEYOND INDIRECT ACTION TO DIRECT ACTION. WE ARE WITNESSING A DIRECT INVASION."

AMBASSADOR ADLAI E. STEVENSON IMMEDIATELY ISSUED A CATEGORICAL DENIAL OF ROA'S CHARGE OF DIRECT U.S. INTERVENTION.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR VALERIAN A. ZORIN ECHOED ROA'S CHARGES.

"WHY IS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES NOT SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT THE INTERVENTION OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES?" ZORIN ASKED. "IF HE HAS NOT SUFFICIENT INFORMATION, I BELIEVE THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE INTERESTED NOT LATER THAN TOMORROW MORNING."

"THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING BECAUSE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVIET UNION DID NOT GIVE HIM TIME," STEVENSON SAID. "I... CATEGORICALLY DENY THAT ANY U.S. ARMED FORCES ARE IN THIS OPERATIONS."

ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR SILVIU BRUCAN PUT A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE COMMITTEE CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE END TO MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST CUBA AND CESSATION OF AID TO THE REBELS FROM THE STATES FROM WHOSE TERRITORY THE INVASION WAS LAUNCHED.

WITH MOST DELEGATIONS RELUCTANT TO SPEAK, THE COMMITTEE ADJOURNED FURTHER DISCUSSION ON CUBA UNTIL TOMORROW AND TURNED TO DEBATE ON THE U.S. PLAN FOR AN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

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THERE WERE REPORTS SEGMENTS OF THE CUBAN NAVY HAD REVOLTED.  
FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR THIS MORNING NAVAL STATIONS WERE HEARD  
TRYING TO RAISE CUBAN NAVAL HEADQUARTERS IN HAVANA.

THE CONTROL TOWER AT HAVANA AIRPORT NOTIFIED MIAMI THAT THE  
CUBAN GOVERNMENT HAD SUSPENDED ALL COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT FLIGHTS  
OVER THE ISLAND.

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ADD CUBA, UNDATED  
SOURCES OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL ESTIMATED 5,000  
ANTI-CASTRO TROOPS HAD GONE INTO ACTION WITHIN THE LAST 48 HOURS.  
ONE BROADCAST INDICATED CASUALTIES WERE HEAVY.  
CASTRO TOLD THE PEOPLE OF CUBA THAT INVASION TROOPS WERE ATTACKING  
VARIOUS POINTS OF NATIONAL TERRITORY IN THE SOUTH OF LAS VILLAS  
PROVINCE WITH THE AID OF AIRCRAFT AND WARSHIPS.  
HE CALLED FOR ACTION AGAINST "THOSE WHO ARE SURPRISED COMMITTING  
...SABOTAGE, SHOOTING, OR ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS"--INDICATED THAT  
AN UPRISING WITHIN CUBA HAD ACCOMPANIED THE INVASION.  
STREAMS OF PERSONS WERE REPORTED JAMMING THE ROADS  
INTO THE ESCAMBRAY MOUNTAINS WHERE GUERRILLA BANDS HAVE BEEN  
OPERATING AGAINST CASTRO. THEY WERE BELIEVED TO BE CIVILIANS ON  
THE MOVE AND NOT INVADERS.

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(CUBA)

UNITED NATIONS--THE UNITED STATES TODAY FORMALLY DENIED A CUBAN CHARGE THAT TODAY'S INVASION OF FIDEL CASTRO'S ISLAND STRONGHOLD WAS LAUNCHED IN PART FROM FLORIDA.

CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAUL ROA, LAYING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY INVASION SQUARELY ON WASHINGTON, TOLD THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S MAIN POLITICAL COMMITTEE:

"THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA WAS THIS MORNING INVADED BY A MERCENARY FORCE, ORGANIZED, FINANCED AND ARMED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND COMING FROM GUATEMALA AND FLORIDA."

WHEN ROA FINISHED HIS 90-MINUTE INDICTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, U.S. AMBASSADOR ADLAI STEVENSON TOLD THE COMMITTEE:

"THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKING FOR CUBA HAS JUST CHARGED THE UNITED STATES WITH AGGRESSION AGAINST CUBA AND AN INVASION COMING FROM FLORIDA."

"THESE CHARGES ARE TOTALLY FALSE AND I DENY THEM CATEGORICALLY."

"THE UNITED STATES HAS COMMITTED NO AGGRESSION AGAINST CUBA AND NO OFFENSIVE HAS BEEN LAUNCHED FROM FLORIDA OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE UNITED STATES."

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ADD CASTRO, MIAMI  
THE PROCLAMATION WAS THE SECOND ONE BROADCAST FROM HAVANA STATIONS  
IN CASTRO'S NAME SINCE REBEL FORCES LANDED EARLY TODAY.  
THE FIRST PROCLAMATION ADMITTED "INVASION TROOPS BY SEA AND AIR  
ARE ATTACKING VARIOUS POINTS OF OUR NATIONAL TERRITORY, TO THE SOUTH  
OF THE PROVINCE OF LAS VILLAS, AIDED BY AIRCRAFT AND WARSHIPS."  
THIS, ISSUED ABOUT 11 A.M. EST, WAS THE FIRST TOP-LEVEL ADMISSION  
THAT INVASION WAS UNDERWAY. IT CAME ABOUT 12 HOURS AFTER THE INITIAL  
ASSAULT.

THE SECOND PROCLAMATION DECLARED "A STAGE OF ALERT" AND ORDERED "THE  
REBEL (CASTRO) ARMY, THE MILITIA AND ALL THE SECURITY FORCES  
TO INCREASE THEIR VIGILANCE AND PROCEED WITHOUT FURTHER THOUGHT  
AGAINST THOSE WHO ARE SURPRISED COMMITTING OR TRYING TO COMMIT  
ACTS OF SABOTAGE, SHOOTING OR ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS."

BARELY AN HOUR LATER, A THIRD PROCLAMATION SAID, "ESPECIALLY DO  
WE ASK OUR BROTHER LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS THAT THEY MAKE FELT  
THE UNCHALLENGABLE FORCE OF THEIR ACTION AGAINST THE NORTH  
AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS... FATHERLAND OR DEATH."

THE THIRD PROCLAMATION WAS SIGNED BY CASTRO AND PRESIDENT  
DORTICOS.

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ADD CUBA, UNDATED

THE MIDDAY REPORT, IF CONFIRMED, WOULD MARK THE FIRST APPEARANCE IN CUBAN SKIES OF MIGS. THE RUSSIAN-TYPE JETS HAVE BEEN REPORTED SHIPPED TO FIDEL CASTRO IN RECENT MONTHS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES PREVIOUSLY HAVE ESTIMATED THAT CASTRO HAD BETWEEN SEVEN AND 12 MIGS ON SECRET AIRFIELDS.

THE SAME HIGH EXILE SOURCES HAD REPORTED AT MID-MORNING THAT THE INVADING FORCES SEIZED AN AIR STRIP IN THE BEACHHEAD AREA AROUND COCHINOS BAY AND WERE FLYING IN AND OUT ON A REGULAR BASIS. THIS APPARENTLY WAS BEFORE CASTRO JETS WENT INTO ACTION.

CASTRO HAS REPEATEDLY BOASTED, IN TELEVISION AND OTHER SPEECHES DURING THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS, OF HIS REGIME'S POWERFUL SUPPLY OF MODERN ARMS AND EQUIPMENT.

IN ONE SPEECH LAST YEAR HE FLATLY DECLARED THAT CUBA HAD MORE FIRE POWER THAN WAS USED IN THE KOREAN WAR.

UNCONFIRMED, BUT INSISTENT REPORTS, HAVE ALSO SAID HE HAS SMALL OR MEDIUM SIZE ROCKETS.

LAST YEAR THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT ESTIMATED CASTRO'S MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND ARMS AT ABOUT TEN TIMES THE SUPPLY BATISTA HAD.

CZECH TECHNICIANS HAVE BEEN IN CUBA FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

THE EXILE SOURCE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO TELL DEFINITELY THE NUMBER OF MIGS INVOLVED IN THE AIR BLOW, "AT LEAST SEVEN SEPARATE MIG AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED."

HE SAID THAT THE ATTACKING AIRCRAFT ALSO INCLUDED THREE U.S.-BUILT T3 JET TRAINER PLANES CONVERTED FOR FIGHTER USE. THESE HAD BEEN SUPPLIED TO CUBA BEFORE CASTRO CAME TO POWER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID HE HAD NO IMMEDIATE WORD ON HOW MANY TANKS WERE IN ACTION.

EARLIER, THE PUBLIC WORKS MINISTRY HAD BEEN HEARD BROADCASTING A CALL FROM HAVANA FOR HEAVY TRUCKS CAPABLE OF MOVING TANKS INTO POSITION.

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SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE INVADING FORCES WERE ATTACKED BY LARGE NUMBERS OF COMMUNIST-MADE TANKS, HE SAID.

CASTRO HAS LONG BEEN REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED WITH TANKS FROM THE SOVIET BLOC. UNDERGROUND SOURCES SAID THEY INCLUDE THE 80-TON STALIN TYPE.

THE COMBINED ATTACKS BY AIR AND GROUND FORCES APPARENTLY CONSTITUTED AN ALL-OUT ATTEMPT TO THROW THE INVADING TROOPS BACK INTO THE SEA.  
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# UN Waits Proof of Roa's Charge

UNITED NATIONS, April 18 (UPI)—Shocked UN diplomats were waiting today for Premier Fidel Castro's spokesman here to offer some proof of his charge that U. S. forces from the Naval Base at Guantanamo are aiding the invasion of Cuba.

Foreign Minister Raul Roa made the charge at last night's meeting of the General Assembly's Main Political Committee. It was denied

both by U. S. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson and by senior officers at Guantanamo.

## CONSEQUENCE

Mr. Stevenson also denied an earlier Roa charge that the invasion was launched in part from Florida, but added that the United States has no obligation to protect Castro "from the consequences of his treason."

The U. S. Ambassador assailed Russia for pouring arms and military advisers into Castroite Cuba.

"Well over 30,000 tons of Soviet equipment has arrived (in Cuba) in the last few months," Mr. Stevenson said. "This includes at least 15 Soviet 50-ton tanks, 19 Soviet assault guns, 15 Soviet 35-ton tanks, 78 Soviet 76-millimeter field guns, four Soviet 122-millimeter field guns and over 100 Soviet heavy machine guns."

"Over 200 Soviet and Czechoslovak military advisers are in Cuba, and over 150 Cuban military personnel have been sent to the (Soviet) bloc for training."

Mr. Stevenson also read a long list of former Castro supporters who have fled Cuba.

Roa offered no proof of his charges. After Mr. Stevenson's denial, he said angrily that the American diplomat "did not rebut any of my statements." Then he and his aides walked quickly out of the room as the committee turned to debate on the African development program proposed by the United States.

Most diplomats expected Roa to make another state-

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ment to the 99-nation committee today.

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Mr. Stevenson was considering a formal demand that the committee declare Roa's charge false and unsubstantiated as was proposed in January when Cuba charged the United States with planning an invasion.

Only Saudi Arabia and Yugoslavia were formally listed to speak this morning. If there are no further speakers, the committee will turn to either the African development debate or the question of Korea's unification. Both of these items, together with the Cuban complaint, are listed together on the Agenda.

There was only one formal proposal before the committee on the Cuban issue: "A 'cease-fire' resolution submitted by Romanian Ambassador Silviu Brucan."

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(CUBA)

NEW YORK--HEAVY SOVIET-BUILT TANKS AND MIG AIRCRAFT HAVE ATTACKED INVADING REBELS IN THE MATANZAS AREA OF CUBA AND DESTROYED LARGE AMOUNTS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT, THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL ANNOUNCED.

THE ANTI-CASTRO GROUP, IN "BULLETIN NUMBER FOUR" ISSUED AT 2:20 P.M. EST, SAID PEASANTS, WORKERS AND MILITIA WERE JOINING THE ANTI-CASTRO FORCES AND WERE AIDING THE FIGHT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT IN A RAPIDLY EXPANDING AREA ALREADY CONTROLLED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND.

THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL EXPRESSED ITS GRATITUDE FOR "THE COUNTLESS MESSAGES OF SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT POURING IN FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

"SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL SYMPATHY ARE CONVINCING PROOF THAT FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD REPUDIATE THE COMMUNISTIC SLAVERY IMPOSED BY CASTRO OVER THE CUBAN PEOPLE," THE COUNCIL SAID.

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ADD CUBA, UNDATED

A BULLETIN ISSUED LATER BY THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL IN NEW YORK ANNOUNCED THAT "CUBAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN THE MATANZAS AREA ARE BEING ATTACKED BY HEAVY SOVIET TANKS AND MIG FIGHTERS, WHICH HAVE DESTROYED CONSIDERABLE (AMOUNTS OF) MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT."

THE EXILE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ATTACKS LASTED FOR ABOUT AN HOUR, ENDING AT 1:30 P.M. THE LAST REPORT HE HAD, ON THE BASIS OF RADIOED INFORMATION FROM THE REBEL FORCES IN THE FIELD TO THEIR SECRET GENERAL HEADQUARTERS OUTSIDE CUBA, WAS THAT 10 PLANES WERE INVOLVED IN THE BOMBING AND STRAFING ATTACKS.

HE SAID THE INSURGENT COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, RELAYED TO GHQ THROUGH A THIRD COUNTRY IN LATIN AMERICA, WAS NOT INTERRUPTED AT ANY TIME DURING THE INTENSE ATTACK.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ATTACK STARTED WITH FOUR AIRCRAFT, WHICH WERE QUICKLY JOINED BY THREE MORE AND FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER THREE.

"THE MOST STARTLING DEVELOPMENT OF THE ATTACK WAS THE PRECISION WITH WHICH IT WAS CARRIED OUT," HE SAID. "THE PLANES CAME OVER IN PERFECT FORMATION, WING TO WING, PEELED OFF AND MADE THEIR STRAFING AND BOMBING RUNS AT EVEN INTERVALS."

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ADD CUBA, UNDATED

THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO CONTACT WITH HAVANA SINCE THE INVASION STARTED, SAVE FOR BRIEF REPORTS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. THE UPI BUREAU IN LONDON REPORTED THAT IT GOT THROUGH TO HAVANA TODAY, BUT WAS TOLD BY THE TELEPHONE COMPANY THERE THAT THE UPI HAVANA BUREAU'S NUMBER WAS "OUT OF ORDER."

EARLY THIS MORNING, CASTRO USED AN EMERGENCY NATIONAL RADIO NETWORK INSIDE CUBA TO PROCLAIM THAT HIS FORCES WERE "FIGHTING VALIANTLY." HE PROMISED TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS LATER OF "SUCCESSSES OBTAINED BY THE ARMY." BUT THE HOURS DRAGGED BY, AND THERE WERE NO DETAILS.

MEANWHILE, A SWEEPING ROUNDUP WAS ORDERED OF CUBANS WHOSE LOYALTY TO CASTRO WAS SUSPECT.

AUTHORITIES IN THE SMALL BEACH RESORT OF VARADERO ON CUBA'S NORTH COAST WERE HEARD INFORMING HAVANA BY RADIO THAT 200 PRISONERS HAD BEEN ROUNDED UP IN THAT ONE REGION ALONE.

"WE HAVE MADE A TOTAL CLEANUP HERE AND HAVE SENT 200 PRISONERS TO MATANZAS (THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL)," THE BROADCAST SAID.

THE VARADERO REPORT SAID "THE MEASURES WE HAVE TAKEN MAKE IMPOSSIBLE ANY INVASION OF MATANZAS PROVINCE."

THE EXILE SPOKESMAN SAID A TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION AND FLASHES OF FIRE IN THE SKY WERE OBSERVED LATE LAST NIGHT AT SANTIAGO DE LOS BANOS, CUBAN ARMY AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS 20 MILES WEST OF HAVANA.

HE SAID THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE EXPLANATION OF WHAT OCCURRED THERE. THE SANTIAGO DE LOS BANOS AIR BASE, A \$20 MILLION INSTALLATION BUILT FOR B17 BOMBER USE BY THE U.S. AIR FORCE IN WORLD WAR II, WAS ONE OF THE THREE MILITARY OBJECTIVES BOMBED AND STRAFED SATURDAY WHEN THREE CASTRO PILOTS DEFECTED IN TWO B26 BOMBERS AND A T3 JET TRAINER PLANE EQUIPPED AS A FIGHTER.

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ADD BOMBERS, MOSCOW (UPI-119)  
AMBASSADOR FAURE CHOMON ALSO SAID "SEVERAL SHIPS BRINGING  
REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE INVADERS" WERE DESTROYED.  
CHOMON DID NOT INDICATE THE SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION.

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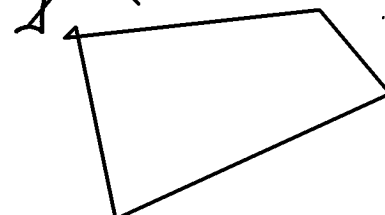
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(BOMBERS)

MOSCOW--THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW TOLD A TELEVISION AUDIENCE  
TONIGHT THAT FIVE REBEL BOMBERS, INCLUDING ONE AMERICAN PLANE, HAVE  
BEEN SHOT DOWN OVER CUBA.

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ADD CUBA, UNDATED

THE SOVIET TASS NEWS AGENCY REPORTED THE ARREST OF TWO ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS IN HAVANA ON CHARGES OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES.

IT IDENTIFIED THEM AS MSGR. EDUARDO BOZA MASVIDAL, RECTOR OF VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF HAVANA AND A LONGTIME CASTRO FOE, AND THE REV. ONELIO BLANCO. TASS SAID THEY HAD A SUPPLY OF MEDICINE FOR THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES AND \$236 SEWN IN A SHIRT.

CUBAN EXILE SOURCES SAID THE TASS REPORT APPARENTLY WAS BASED ON A BROADCAST FROM THE "VOICE OF FREE AMERICA," A CUBAN PROPAGANDA STATION. THEY HAD NO CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORT.

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ADD CUBA, UNDATED

CUBAN EXILE SOURCES SAID ANTI-CASTRO FLIERS TUESDAY NIGHT BOMBED THE HAVANA AIRBASE FROM WHICH MIG JET FIGHTERS HAD JOINED RUSSIAN-MADE TANKS IN HEAVY ASSAULTS EARLIER IN THE DAY AGAINST THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY FORCES BEACHHEAD.

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ONE RAID--ALSO REPORTED BY THE CUBAN NEWS AGENCY PRENSA LATINA--- HIT THE CAMP LIBERTY AIRBASE ON THE EDGE OF HAVANA WHERE HEAVY AIR ATTACKS SATURDAY TOUCHED OFF THE PRE-INVASION BUILDUP. THE OTHER TARGET WAS NOT DISCLOSED.

THE EXILE SPOKESMAN SAID THE RAIDS WERE CARRIED OUT BY TWO B26 TWIN-ENGINE BOMBERS AND A LIGHT SINGLE ENGINE PLANE WHICH TOOK OFF FROM A BEACHHEAD AIRFIELD SECURED EARLIER TUESDAY BY THE INVASION FORCES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ALL THREE PLANES RETURNED SAFELY TO BASE BUT THAT THERE WAS NO INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY ON THE RESULTS OF THE RAID. HE SAID THE B26S DROPPED REGULAR BOMBS AND THE LIAISON PLANE DROPPED HOMEMADE BOMBS.

CUBAN SOURCES AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK DENIED THE BOMBINGS HAD TAKEN PLACE.

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ADD CUBA. UNDATED (UPI-291)

THE PRENSA LATIN A BROADCAST SAID THE ATTACK CAME AT 8:34 P.M. WHEN THE CITY WAS BOMBED WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE. IT SAID THE CENTRAL OFFICES WERE COMPLETELY BLACKED OUT FOR SECURITY REASONS AND THAT THE FLASH OF TRACER BULLETS WAS EASILY SEEN.

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ADD CUBA, UNDATED

THE HAVANA OPERATOR BROKE INTO A REGULAR NEWS TRANSMISSION TO ARGENTINA TO REPORT THE AERIAL ATTACK. LATER, HE SAID THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS HAD CEASED BUT "WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED." THE RADIO TRANSMISSION TO BUENOS AIRES SAID TRACER BULLETS FROM BOTH THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY AND FROM THE PLANES COULD BE SEEN IN THE DARKENED SKIES. IT SAID DAMAGE WAS NOT YET KNOWN.

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(CUBA)

UNDATED--THE CUBAN NEWS AGENCY PRENSA LATINA BROADCAST TONIGHT THAT HAVANA WAS UNDER AIR ATTACK BY BOMBERS FLOWN BY FOREIGN MERCENARIES AND THAT ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS HAD REPLIED TO THE ATTACK.

THE BROADCAST MONITORED IN BUENOS AIRES FOLLOWED EARLIER REPORTS BY CUBAN EXILE SOURCES THAT FIDEL CASTRO HAD THROWN COMMUNIST-MADE TANKS AND MIG JET FIGHTERS INTO THE BATTLE AGAINST CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY FORCES.

A SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS DISPATCH FROM HAVANA SAID ONE AMERICAN WAS ARRESTED ON SPY CHARGES.

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## Rebels Alone Can't Win

# Fate of Cuba Revolution In Hands of All Cubans

By Roscoe Drummond

WASHINGTON April 18.—The news from the invasion front in Cuba will shortly yield answers to the two biggest questions raised by the anti-Castro revolution:

1—How can the limited landing forces of the Cuban Revolutionary Council—probably not more than 5,000—possibly hold beachheads and then go on to win against a Castro army of 200,000 men and women heavily armed? How can the invaders succeed against 40-to-1 military superiority?

2—Will Soviet Premier Khrushchev redeem the promise which he personally and publicly gave to Castro while they were both at the United Nations

last fall—the promise to back the Castro regime against any "aggression" by the use of "Soviet Rockets" if necessary?

If the going gets rough for Castro, will the Soviet Union make good its pledge—or is it an empty promise, a military and diplomatic bluff which Moscow never intended to carry out?

The answers will soon be visible. The cries of anguish and accusation against the United States which are coming from Havana are encouraging. Castro seems inordinately afraid of the little band of revolutionary invaders from among the Cuban defectors and exiles.

If the counter-revolution is successful, its very success will disprove the charge made at the United Nations by Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa that the United States will have brought down the Castro regime.

The fact is that the invading forces of the new Cuban revolutionaries, outnumbered forty-to-one, can win only if there are massive defections from the Castro army and only if there is widespread sabotage by civilians.

The anti-Castro revolutionaries can win Cuba only if Castro has already lost Cuba. The invaders are not sufficient to win by their own strength. If they succeed, Castro will be overthrown primarily by the defections of the Cuban people. The small invading forces of Cuban exiles will only have provided the spark which brought it about.

If the Cuban people and the Cuban army are loyal to Castro, the invasion now in progress cannot possibly overthrow the regime.

If Castro has lost the loyalty of a majority of the Cuban people and much of the Army, then nothing Castro can do can keep the regime from being overthrown.

And the credit will belong to the Cuban people who would rather have liberty than Castro.

But what about Premier Khrushchev's statement that the Soviet Union would be prepared to shower down rockets to protect the Cuban regime from "aggression."

Already the Soviet press is branding the invasion an "American aggression." Therefore, since the Soviets themselves say that Castro is being "aggressive," then Castro has every reason to expect that Moscow will make good its pledge to save him.

We shall shortly see whether Mr. K's promissory note is going to be redeemed. Since the invasion by anti-Castro forces began, the Soviet government has flatly stated that it will provide "all aid necessary to keep Castro in office."

They have already helped Castro with arms and money. Is Mr. Khrushchev going to invite World War III by sending either Russian forces or Russian rockets to the Western Hemisphere? U. S. officials do not believe he will, but the Kremlin has been left in no doubt that such an act would mean war with the United States.

Right now the U. S. government is at the point of deciding what it will do if Soviet arms, tanks and planes cause the anti-Castro revolt to founder. One thing is certain—the U. S. will not permit the Soviets to assert decisive military power ninety miles from our shores.

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ADD CUBA, UNDATED

"NOW THEY HAVE FUEL AND THEY ARE FLYING IN AND OUT," HE SAID.  
THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT "COMPLETE COMMUNICATIONS" HAVE BEEN  
ESTABLISHED BETWEEN LIBERATION FORCES IN LAS VILLAS AND OR ENTE  
PROVINCES WITH THE SECRET CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL GENERAL  
HEADQUARTERS OUTSIDE CUBA.

THE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, HE SAID, "IS ROUTED THROUGH A THIRD  
COUNTRY OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES."

PRESSED TO AMPLIFY THE REMARK, HE REPLIED THAT "WE ARE GETTING  
OUR NEWS FROM OUR FORCES IN CUBA THROUGH A CERTAIN LATIN AMERICAN  
COUNTRY."

HE DECLINED TO ADD ANYTHING FURTHER.

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ADD CUBA, UNDATED

WHEN ASKED FOR THE DIRECTION OF THE MOVEMENT, HE SAID "YOU COULD DESCRIBE IT AS THE SPOKES OF A WHEEL."

JAGUEY GRANDE IS ON HARD GROUND ABOUT 20 MILES INLAND FROM THE CIENAGA DE ZAPATA SWAMPLAND AREA WHERE THE LIBERATION TROOPS STORMED ASHORE AT THREE POINTS.

THE SPOKESMAN DISCLOSED THAT THE AIR STRIP WAS CAPTURED MONDAY, BUT SAID IT COULD NOT BE USED EARLIER BECAUSE NO AVIATION GASOLINE WAS ON HAND.

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ADD CUBA, UNDATED

HE SAID THAT IN THE LAS VILLAS AREA THERE WERE TWO POINTS WHERE  
CONSOLIDATION WAS UNDER WAY. HE DECLINED TO ELABORATE ON THIS.  
THE PRINCIPAL MOVEMENT, HE SAID, HAS BEEN A SPREAD OF TROOPS  
FANNING OUT FROM JAGUEY GRANDE, WHERE HE SAID MORE THAN 100 OF  
PREMIER CASTRO'S MILITIAMEN WERE KILLED YESTERDAY.

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ADD CUBA, UNDATED (UPI-43)  
THE LANDING STRIP WAS CAPTURED AFTER FIGHTING DESCRIBED BY THE  
SOURCES AS "HEAVY."  
AN EXILE SPOKESMAN SAID FLATLY THAT LIBERATION TROOPS IN LAS  
VILLAS AND ORIENTE PROVINCES "ARE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AND BEING  
SUPPLIED."

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(CUBA)

INVADING CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY FORCES HAVE SEIZED AN AIR STRIP  
AND ARE NOW FLYING PLANES IN AND OUT OF THE BEACHHEAD AREA IN  
COCHINOS BAY WHERE THE MAJOR LANDING WAS MADE, HIGH EXILE  
SOURCES SAID TODAY.

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MIAMI--JITTERY CUBAN GOVERNMENT RADIO OPERATORS STRUNG ALONG THE ISLAND'S NORTHERN COASTLINE/MANNED THEIR POSTS ALL NIGHT IN A FRUITLESS EFFORT TO TRACK DOWN AND IDENTIFY A NUMBER OF PHANTOM SHIPS REPORTED LURKING OFF THE COAST.

THE GOVERNMENT NAVAL STATION AT VARADERO LAST NIGHT REPORTED SPOTTING A FLOTILLA OF EIGHT STRANGE SHIPS OFF CARDENAS, A NORTH COAST SEAPORT ABOUT 85 MILES EAST OF HAVANA. THE STATION SAID IT FEARED THE SHIPS WERE MASSING FOR A NEW LANDING.

LATER, THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMUNICATIONS CONTROL CENTER AT HAVANA COULD BE HEARD CALLING AT LEAST SIX COASTAL STATIONS SCATTERED OVER NEARLY 200 MILES OF COASTLINE IN EFFORTS TO LOCATE THE SHIPS.

THE STATION AT MARIEL, ABOUT 10 MILES WEST OF HAVANA ON THE NORTHERN COAST OF PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE REPORTED SHORTLY AFTER 3 A.M. IT HAD SIGHTED AT LEAST ONE SHIP.

"THE SHIP IS HEADING THIS WAY," MARIEL REPORTED. MINUTES LATER IT SAID "IT (THE SHIP) NOW HAS TURNED AWAY."

THE NEXT SIGHTING WAS REPORTED FROM THE GOVERNMENT STATION AT SANTA LUCIA, FAR TO THE WEST, AND ALMOST AT THE TIP OF THE ISLAND.

"WE HAVE SIGHTED A SHIP ABOUT 30 MILES OFFSHORE," SANTA LUCIA REPORTED. "IT IS HEADED TOWARDS PUERTO ESPERANZA, EAST OF SANTA LUCIA, TOWARDS HAVANA."

STATIONS WHICH IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES ONLY BY CODE SAID THE SHIP COULD BE A MERCHANT VESSEL.

EARLIER, NAVAL OPERATIONS HAD REPORTED NO MERCHANT VESSELS WERE EXPECTED BEFORE MORNING.

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WASHINGTON--THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS IMPOSED A TOTAL BLACKOUT ON ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING CUBA ALTHOUGH IT PRESUMABLY IS RECEIVING FREQUENT REPORTS.

APPARENTLY UNDER ORDERS FROM "HIGHER AUTHORITY," THE DEPARTMENT TODAY BRUSHED ASIDE QUERIES ON MATTERS IT MIGHT FREELY HAVE DISCUSSED A WEEK AGO.

IN THIS SITUATION, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO LEARN WHETHER ANY UNUSUAL PRECAUTIONS OR ALERTS HAVE BEEN ORDERED FOR U.S. MILITARY FORCES IN THE CARIBBEAN AND SOUTH ATLANTIC AREAS.

HOWEVER, IT APPEARED THOSE FORCES -- MAINLY NAVAL AND MARINE -- WERE FOR THE MOST PART OPERATING ON A NORMAL BASIS.

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11 / IN MEXICO CITY, EX-PRESIDENT LAZARO CARDENAS, ONE OF CASTRO'S MEXICAN SUPPORTERS, BOOKED A FLIGHT TO HAVANA AT 5 P.M. YESTERDAY BUT THE FLIGHT WAS CANCELLED AT THE LAST MINUTE. ONE REPORT WAS THAT HE HAD PLANNED TO GO TO ARRANGE ASYLUM FOR CASTRO.

EXILE SOURCES DESCRIBED YESTERDAY'S INVASION AS AIMED MAINLY AT SUPPLYING AND SUPPORTING ANTI-CASTRO FORCES ALREADY IN CUBA. THEY PREDICTED THAT TODAY "CUBA WILL RISE EN MASSE IN A COORDINATED WAVE OF SABOTAGE AND REBELLION."

WITH ALL COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS DOWN, THE MAIN SOURCES OF INFORMATION WERE CASTRO'S OWN RADIO AND THE EXILE LEADERS IN THE U.S. AND SOUTH AMERICA. THERE WERE NO INDEPENDENT EYEWITNESS REPORTS OF THE FIGHTING.

AT THE U.N., THE U.S. BRANDED AS A LIE A CHARGE BY THE CASTRO REGIME THAT U.S. FORCES FROM THE U.S. NAVAL BASE AT GUANTANAMO HAD INVADDED CUBA.

UPI CORRESPONDENT NORMAN CORNISH REPORTED DIRECTLY FROM GUANTANAMO THAT NAVAL OFFICIALS THERE ALSO FORMALLY DENIED THE CHARGE. SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WERE TIGHTENED AT THE BASE. MARINES AND SAILORS PATROLLED THE 17-MILE FENCE WITH DOGS AND TOOK POSITIONS IN PILLBOXES.

DIRECTORS OF THE INVASION GAVE THIS PICTURE AT THE END OF THE FIRST DAY OF THE FIGHTING:

---TROOPS DROPPED FROM PLANES AND LANDED BY SEA MONDAY AT THE BAY OF COCHINOS WERE ADVANCING INLAND ACROSS THE WAIST OF EAST CENTRAL CUBA FROM THE SOUTHERN COAST. -ONE REPORT SAID THE INVADERS NUMBERED AS HIGH AS 5,000. AN ESTIMATED 100 CASTRO MILITIAMEN WERE BELIEVED KILLED.

---NAVAL UNITS AND SOME AIR FORCE PERSONNEL DESERTED TO THE INVADERS. ONE OFFICER OF CASTRO'S MILITIA---THE CIVILIAN ARMY---OFFERED TO JOIN THE INVADERS WITH HIS UNIT BUT WAS TOLD HE HAD TO GET HIS OWN ARMS.

---A REVOLUTIONARY FORCE WHICH LANDED IN ORIENTE PROVINCE, IN EASTERN CUBA, SATURDAY NIGHT ENGAGED IN HEAVY GUERRILLA ACTION IN THE SIERRA CRISTAL MOUNTAIN RANGE AND AT BARACOA.

---EIGHT STRANGE SHIPS WERE SIGHTED OFF CARDENAS, 75 MILES EAST OF HAVANA. A POWERFUL CARIBBEAN RADIO TRANSMITTER USED BY ANTI-CASTRO FORCES SAID THEY WERE CUBAN NAVY SHIPS SEEKING TO DEFECT AND MAKE CONTACT WITH THE ANTI-CASTRO NAVY.

---THE PORT OF HAVANA WAS CLOSED TO SHIPPING. SCATTERED GUNFIRE WAS HEARD AND SEEN IN HAVANA. CASTRO'S MILITIAMEN HAD TURNED IT INTO PRACTICALLY AN ARMED CAMP.

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(CUBA)

FIDEL CASTRO PROCLAIMED OVER AN EMERGENCY NATIONAL RADIO  
HOOKUP EARLY TODAY THAT HIS FORCES WERE "FIGHTING VALIANTLY"  
AGAINST CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY INVADERS IN LAS VILLAS PROVINCE.

THE PREMIER'S MESSAGE GAVE NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION.  
BUT IT WAS AN ADMISSION THAT THE ANTI-CASTRO SOLDIERS HAD GAINED  
A STRONG FOOTHOLD AND STILL WERE BATTLING MORE THAN 24 HOURS AFTER  
THEY HAD LANDED.

CASTRO'S COMMUNIQUE, READ BY ANNOUNCER, SAID "IN THE NEXT  
HOURS, THERE WILL BE NEW DETAILS TO REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE  
SUCCESSSES OBTAINED BY THE ARMY..."

TOP EXILE SOURCES IN THE U.S. AND MEXICO SAID THE INITIAL  
VICTORY BELONGED TO THE INVADERS.

JOSE MIRO CARDONA WAS POISED TO SPEED TO CUBA TO SET UP AN  
OPPOSITION GOVERNMENT AS SOON AS HE DETERMINED HIS TROOPS HAD  
SECURED A SIZEABLE PIECE OF TERRITORY.

IN MOSCOW, CUBAN AMBASSADOR FAURE CHAUMONT SAID HE HAD SPOKEN  
BY TELEPHONE TO PRESIDENT OSVALDO DORTICOS THIS MORNING AND  
RECEIVED WORK THAT THE INVADERS WERE ENCIRCLED BY CASTRO FORCES.

HE SAID DORTICOS TOLD HIM HEAVY FIGHTING WAS GOING ON IN  
MATANZAS PROVINCE. THIS WOULD PUT THE INVADERS AT LEAST 20 MILES  
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NEW YORK--TEXT OF BULLETIN NO. 5 OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL:

IN SPITE OF CONTINUOUS ATTACK BY SOVIET MIGS HEAVY TANKS AND ARTILLERY FORCES THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND HAS COMPLETED THE PLANNED FIRST PHASE OF THEIR MILITARY OPERATION IN THE SOUTH OF CUBA. THIS PHASE INVOLVED THE SUCCESSFUL ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTACT WITH GUERRILLA GROUPS IN THE ESCAMBRAY MOUNTAINS. NUMEROUS ELEMENTS OF THE FORCES FROM THE COCHINOS BAY AREA HAVE COMPLETED A MOVEMENT NORTH OF CIEN-FUEGOS FROM WHICH THEY WILL BE ABLE TO REINFORCE THE PATRIOTS ALREADY FIGHTING IN THE MOUNTAINS.

IT CAN ALSO BE REVEALED THAT ADDITIONAL GUERRILLA UNITS HAVE INFILTRATED CENTRAL MATANZAS PROVINCE. THE HEROIC ACTION OF A SMALL HOLDING FORCE WHICH RESISTED SOVIET TANKS ARTILLERY AND AIRCRAFT DURING THE LAST 20 HOURS MADE POSSIBLE THIS RESULT.

ACCORDING TO THE COMMAND'S LAST INFORMATION THIS FORCE CONTINUES ITS VALIANT FIGHT AGAINST TYRANNY.

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ADD CUBA, UNDATED

A TOP CUBAN EXILE SPOKESMAN IN MIAMI, FLA., SUPPLEMENTED THE COMMUNIQUE FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. HE SAID ONE UNIT IN THE BAHIA DE COCHINOS AREA WAS INVOLVED IN "VERY SEVERE FIGHTING." HE SAID IT WAS "CAUGHT IN A CROSS FIRE FROM HEAVY TANKS AND PINNED DOWN, BUT IS FIGHTING HEROICALLY." HE ADDED IT HAS BEEN UNDER AIR ATTACK SINCE EARLY THIS MORNING, PRESUMABLY BY COMMUNIST-SUPPLIED MIGS.

"THERE IS TERRIBLE FIGHTING GOING ON," HE SAID. "BUT WE ARE HOLDING OUR OWN."

THE SOURCE SAID ALBERTO MULLER, WELL-KNOWN CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADER AND PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT REVOLUTIONARY DIRECTORATE WHICH HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE HAVANA UNDERGROUND IN RECENT MONTHS, HAS EMERGED FROM HIDING AND IS LEADING A BAND OF GUERRILLAS IN EASTERN CUBA'S ORIENTE PROVINCE.

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ADD CUBA, UNDATED

"IT CAN ALSO BE REVEALED THAT ADDITIONAL GUERRILLA UNITS HAVE INFILTRATED MATANZAS PROVINCE," THE COMMUNIQUE SAID. "THE HEROIC ACTION OF A SMALL HOLDING FORCE WHICH RESISTED SOVIET TANKS, ARTILLERY AND AIRCRAFT DURING THE LAST 20 HOURS MADE THIS RESULT POSSIBLE."

THE COMMUNIQUE ADDED THAT ACCORDING TO THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND'S LATEST INFORMATION, "THIS FORCE CONTINUES ITS VALIANT FIGHT AGAINST TYRANNY."

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ADD CUBA, UNDATED

A REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE SAID, "NUMEROUS ELEMENTS OF THE FORCES FROM THE COCHINOS BAY AREA HAVE COMPLETED A MOVEMENT NORTH OF CIENFUEGOS FROM WHICH THEY WILL BE ABLE TO REINFORCE THE PATRIOTS ALREADY FIGHTING IN THE MOUNTAINS."  
 CIENFUEGOS IS ABOUT 50 MILES TO THE EAST OF THE ORIGINAL BEACHHEAD IN THE BAHIA DE COCHINOS AREA.

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(CUBA)

THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL SAID TODAY ITS INVADING FORCES HAVE "COMPLETED THE PLANNED FIRST PHASE OF THEIR MILITARY OPERATION IN THE SOUTH OF CUBA" AND LINKED UP WITH GUERRILLA GROUPS IN THE ESCAMBRAY MOUNTAINS. THE OPERATION WAS REPORTED TO BE UNDER CONTINUOUS ATTACK "BY SOVIET MIGS, HEAVY TANKS AND ARTILLERY."

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(PROTEST)

WASHINGTON--THE UNITED STATES TODAY BRANDED THE CUBAN  
GOVERNMENT'S EXECUTION OF TWO AMERICANS AS "A VIOLATION OF THE  
ELEMENTARY STANDARDS OF JUSTICE PRACTICED BY THE CIVILIZED NATIONS  
OF THE WORLD."

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(PILOT)

OKLAHOMA CITY--THE FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY SAID TODAY THE LICENSE NUMBER GIVEN BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT AS IDENTIFICATION OF A U.S. PILOT ALLEGEDLY SHOT DOWN IN MATANZAS PROVINCE TODAY WAS "AN IMPOSSIBLE NUMBER."

ROBERT E. FORBES, DIRECTOR OF RECORDS FOR FAA HERE, SAID THE 80323-1M IS NOT A TRUE NUMBER. HE SAID THE "1-M" PORTION "IS NOT PART OF OUR NUMBERING SYSTEM."

HE SAID THE 80323 PART OF THE LICENSE BELONGS TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NAME DOES NOT RESEMBLE THAT OF LEO FRANCIS BERLITS, THE NAME GIVEN BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT.

FORBES DECLINED TO NAME THE OTHER MAN, BUT SAID THE NAME, ADDRESS AND CLASSIFICATION "ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT."

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ADD AMERICANS GUANTANAMO (UPI-3)

ANDERSON WAS ABOUT 45. HE SERVED IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS AND HAD SERVED IN CUBA WITH AMERICAN ARMED FORCES IN WORLD WAR II. HE WAS COMMANDER OF HAVANA'S AMERICAN LEGION POST UNTIL IT WAS DISSOLVED AFTER CASTRO TOOK OVER. HE OPERATED A CHAIN OF SERVICE STATIONS IN CUBA FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS EVEN AFTER CASTRO APPROPRIATED MOST OTHER U.S. PROPERTY IN CUBA. A FAMILY SPOKESMAN IN MIAMI SAID HE MOVED HIS WIFE, A CUBAN-BORN, NATURALIZED AMERICAN CITIZEN TWO SONS AND TWO DAUGHTERS TO THAT FLORIDA CITY LAST SUMMER AND STAYED BEHIND IN HAVANA TO RUN HIS BUSINESS. SHE WAS REPORTED IN SECLUSION AFTER HIS EXECUTION.

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THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID IT WAS ASKING SWITZERLAND WHICH REPRESENTS U. S. INTERESTS IN CUBA, TO PROTEST THE EXECUTIONS OF HOWARD F. ANDERSON OF YAKIMA, WASH., AND ANGUS MCNAIR, JR. OF MIAMI. *Florida Cuba*

SPOKESMAN LINCOLN WHITE SAID THE UNITED STATES WAS "ALSO MAKING INQUIRIES OF THE SWISS ABOUT THE REPORTED ARRESTS OF AMERICANS IN CUBA." HE ADDED "WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC MEANS TO PROTECT U. S. INTERESTS IN CUBA." WHITE DECLINED TO ANSWER WHEN HE WAS ASKED WHETHER THE UNITED STATES CONTEMPLATED "GOING BEYOND DIPLOMATIC MEANS" IF NECESSARY. *deceased*

WHITE SAID THAT THE EXECUTIONS OF ANDERSON AND MCNAIR "AS FAR AS WE KNOW...HAVE TAKEN PLACE, PERHAPS WITHOUT A TRIAL BUT IN ANY CASE WITHOUT A FAIR TRIAL AND WE ARE ASKING THE SWISS GOVERNMENT FOR REPORT ON WHAT IS TAKING PLACE."

HE SAID THAT THE SWISS REPORTED THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THEIR EMBASSY IN HAVANA "BECAUSE OF AN APPARENT COMMUNICATIONS BLACKOUT IN CUBA."

NEVERTHELESS, WHITE ADDED, THE UNITED STATES HAS ASKED THE SWISS TO LAUNCH A VERY VIGOROUS PROTEST AGAINST THE EXECUTIONS.

WHITE SAID THE STATE DEPARTMENT "DEPLORES" THE ATTACK AGAINST THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW.

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(BY FRANCIS L. MCCARTHY)

THE ODDS NEW APPEAR TO BE PILING UP GRIMLY AND HEAVILY AGAINST THE  
THREE-DAY OLD INVASION OF FIDEL CASTRO'S CUBA.

THE POSITION OF THE OUTNUMBERED INVADERS IN THE KEY AREA AROUND  
COCHINOS BAY MAY BE DESCRIBED AS DESPERATE BUT--AS OF THE MOMENT--NOT  
COMPLETELY HOPELESS.

INFORMATION FILTERING OUT FROM THE FIGHTING AREA IS THAT THE REBEL  
FORCES PUT ASHORE SUNDAY NIGHT AND MONDAY ARE FIGHTING ON. BUT THEIR  
FATE GROWS MORE DOUBTFUL BY THE HOUR.

THE INVADERS WENT ASHORE IN THE FACE OF OVERWHELMINGLY SUPERIOR  
NUMBERS. THEY HAVE DRIVEN AT LEAST 20 MILES INLAND AND HAVE FORMED AN  
AIRSTRIPE ON A 10 MILE BY 10 MILE AREA OF LIBERATED GROUND.

BUT THEIR NUMBERS DO NOT SEEM TO BE SUFFICIENT TO HOLD THE POSITION,  
PARTICULARLY IN THE FACE OF THE MODERN WEAPONS THAT CASTRO HAS BEEN  
ABLE TO HURL AGAINST THEM.

TWO FACTORS PROBABLY ARE MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GRAVE TURN OF  
EVENTS FOR THE INVADING FORCES:

--CASTRO'S USE OF COMMUNIST-MADE MIG JET AIRCRAFT AGAINST THE  
PROPELLOR-DRIVEN AIRCRAFT OF THE REBELS PLUS THE SPEED WITH WHICH HE WAS  
ABLE TO USE HIS SOVIET-TYPE TANKS AND CANNON IN THE LANDING AREAS.

--REBEL HOPES FOR MASSIVE ANTI-CASTRO UPRISINGS BY THE POPULACE AND  
FOR HEAVY DEFECTIONS FROM THE ARMED FORCES APPARENTLY HAVE NOT BEEN  
REALIZED. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME. BUT CASTRO'S 300,000-MAN MILITIA HAS  
CLEARLY BEEN EFFECTIVE IN KEEPING IT DOWN.

AS OF MID-DAY TODAY, THE SITUATION CAN HARDLY BE DESCRIBED AS ANY-  
THING BETTER THAN TOUCH AND GO. SOME CRUCIAL HOURS CLEARLY ARE AHEAD.

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MOSCOW--THE SOVIET TASS NEWS AGENCY CHARGED TODAY THAT THE REBEL INVASION OF CUBA WAS SUPPORTED BY U.S. DESTROYERS, SUBMARINES, AND AIRCRAFT CARRIERS.

IT CHARGED U.S. MAJ. GEN. WALTER O'MEARA SUPERVISED THE LANDING FROM COSTA RICA.

IN A NEW YORK DISPATCH QUOTING "AMERICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN SOURCES," THE AGENCY LISTED WHAT IT SAID WERE DETAILS OF THE AMERICAN "INTERVENTION" TO AID THE REBELS.

TASS SAID THE REBELS WERE TRAINED IN FLORIDA, PANAMA, NICARAGUA, AND GUATEMALA.

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CORRECTION IN U.N., UNITED NATIONS (UPI-100)

CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAUL ROA, IN HIS CHARGE BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS, GAVE THE PILOT'S NAME FIRST AS LEO FRANCIS BELL, BUT LATER CHANGED THE LAST NAME TO BERLITZ.

ROA SAID THE PILOT'S AVIATION LICENSE NUMBER WAS 083-231M AND BORE A DEC. 21, 1962 EXPIRATION DATE. HE SAID HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER WAS 014-07-6921 AND HIS ADDRESS 100 NASHUA ST., BOSTON, Mass.

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(TEXT)

MIAMI--TEXT OF A CUBAN GOVERNMENT BROADCAST THIS MORNING OVER  
HAVANA RADIO STATION CMQ:

"THE NORTH AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE AGGRESSION WHICH IS  
TAKING PLACE AGAINST CUBA HAS BEEN DRAMATICALLY PROVED THIS MORNING.  
OUR ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERIES SHOT DOWN ONE NORTH AMERICAN MILITARY  
PLANE PILOTTED BY A NORTH AMERICAN AVIATOR WHICH BOMBED THE CIVIL  
POPULATION AND OUR INFANTRY FORCES IN THE ZONE OF THE "AUSTRALIA"  
SUGAR MILL.

THE NORTH AMERICAN AGGRESSOR PILOT WHOSE BODY IS IN THE HANDS  
OF THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES WAS CALLED LEO FRANCIS BERLITZ OR  
BURLEY (PHONETIC SPELLING).

DOCUMENTS WERE SEIZED WHICH REVEALED THAT THE FLIGHT LICENSE  
WAS 8223 (THEN THE ANNOUNCER REPEATED THE NUMBER CHANGING IT TO  
80323) ISSUED WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 24 DEC. 1962. HIS SOCIAL  
SECURITY CARD HAS THE NUMBER 014 - 07 - 6921.

HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE HAS THE ADDRESS 100 NASSAU STREET, BOSTON  
14, MASS.

THE REGISTERED ADDRESS OF THE YANKEE PILOT IS 48 BEACON STREET,  
BOSTON.

HIS HEIGHT IS 5 FEET 6 INCHES. DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE  
AGGRESSIVE MISSION OVER OUR COUNTRY WERE ALSO FOUND IN THE CLOTHING  
OF THE YANKEE PILOT.

THIS IS ONE OF THE FOUR ENEMY MILITARY AIRPLANES SHOT DOWN  
THIS MORNING, TO BRING TO NINE THE TOTAL SHOT DOWN SINCE THE  
(CIENEGA DE) ZAPATA PENINSULA MERCENARY ATTACKS WHOSE TOTAL  
LIQUIDATION IS NOW ONLY A MATTER OF HOURS.

(SIGNED GHQ, REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES)

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UNITED NATIONS--CUBA CHARGED IN THE U.N. TODAY THAT "AN AMERICAN PLANE, MANNED BY AN AMERICAN PILOT, COMING FROM AN AMERICAN BASE" WAS SHOT DOWN THIS MORNING BY CUBAN ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSES.

CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAUL ROA IDENTIFIED THE PILOT AS LEO FRANCIS BELL OF 48 BEACON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

HE TOLD THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S MAIN POLITICAL COMMITTEE BELL'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER WAS 014-07-2921.

ROA SAID THE "U.S. PILOT DROPPED A NUMBER OF BOMBS ON THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AND MILITARY OBJECTIVES."

"THE PILOT WAS KILLED AND HIS BODY IS IN POSSESSION OF CUBAN AUTHORITIES," ROA SAID.

"THIS IS ANOTHER FLAGRANT PROOF OF U.S. AGGRESSION."  
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ADD CUBA, UNDATED

THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID BERLITZ HAD PILOT'S LICENSE NO. 80323-1M, WHICH WAS DUE TO EXPIRE DEC. 24, 1962. IT SAID HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER WAS Q14-076921. IT ADDED HE WAS FIVE FEET SIX INCHES TALL.

"THIS IS ONE OF FOUR ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN THIS MORNING," THE BROADCAST SAID, ADDING THAT THIS "PROVED" UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN THE INVASION.

THE COMMUNIQUE WAS PRECEDED BY A RECORD PLAYING THE REVOLUTIONARY MARCHING SONG AS A SIGNAL FOR CUBA'S 100-ODD STATIONS TO JOIN IN THE NATIONAL NETWORK FOR "OFFICIAL STATEMENT NUMBER THREE."

THE COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDED BY SAYING:

"VICTORY TO THE REVOLUTION... VICTORY FOR THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT IS A MATTER OF HOURS."

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ADD CUBA, UNDATED

THE REGIME CLAIMED THE AMERICAN PILOT WAS KILLED.  
THE CLAIM OF DOWNING THE FOUR LIBERATION FORCE AIRCRAFT CAME  
AT MID-MORNING. DURING THE NIGHT CASTRO TURNED LOOSE A WAVE OF  
TERROR THROUGHOUT CUBA IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE INVASION FROM  
SETTING OFF AN INTERNAL UPRISING.

TWO AMERICANS AND SEVEN CUBANS WERE EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUADS,  
AND THERE WERE MASS ARRESTS OF CUBANS, U.S. CITIZENS AND OTHER  
FOREIGN NATIONS.

THE BROADCAST COMMUNIQUE SAID BERLITZ'S PLANE WAS BROUGHT DOWN  
BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE. IT SAID HE WAS IDENTIFIED FROM  
PAPERS FOUND ON HIS BODY.

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ADD CUBA, UNDATED

A COMMUNIQUE BROADCAST OVER THE EMERGENCY NATIONAL RADIO NETWORK IDENTIFIED THE AMERICAN PILOT AS LEO FRANCIS ~~PERLITZ~~, OF (100 NASSAU ST.) BOSTON, MASS.

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THE PLANES BOMBED THE "CIVILIAN POPULATION" IN THE AREA OF THE FORMER U.S.-OWNED AUSTRALIA SUGAR MILL IN MATANZAS PROVINCE. BUT THIS AREA PREVIOUSLY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN CASTRO REGIME BROADCASTS AS A MOBILIZATION AREA FOR HIS MILITIA.  
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(CUBA)

PREMIER CASTRO'S GOVERNMENT CLAIMED ITS FORCES SHOT DOWN  
FOUR REBEL PLANES ON A BOMBING MISSION OVER A GOVERNMENT MILITIA  
MOBILIZATION AREA IN MATANZAS PROVINCE TODAY, INCLUDING ONE WITH A  
"U.S. PILOT" ABOARD.

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ADD PILOT, OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI-86)

IN WASHINGTON, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE SAID  
 THERE NEVER HAS BEEN A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ISSUED TO THE PILOT, WHO  
 WAS LATER IDENTIFIED AS LEO FRANCIS BELL.

THE DEPARTMENT SAID IT HAD BEEN GIVEN TWO DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF  
 BELL'S ALLEGED SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AS BROADCAST BY THE CUBANS. ONE  
 OF THESE NUMBERS, IT SAID, BELONGED TO A 71-YEAR-OLD BENEFICIARY. THE  
 OTHER BELONGED TO A NEW ENGLAND INDUSTRIAL WORKER WHO WAS ON THE JOB  
 TODAY. THE DEPARTMENT DECLINED TO DIVULGE EITHER NAME.

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**BEACHHEAD REINFORCED**

**More Rebels Land** 3

By **GEORGE CLIFFORD**  
**MIAMI**, April 19—  
Fresh Cuban rebel troops  
poured into the Cochin  
beachhead early today and  
the Revolutionary Coun  
cil—Rebel Cuba's provi  
sional government—is  
poised to go ashore at any  
moment.

The decision to send in the  
new troops came after the  
rebel forces inflicted heavy  
losses on Castro troops late  
yesterday.

The rebels now feel they  
can quickly cut the island in  
half.

**NO NEED NOW**

A rebel official told The  
Washington Daily News, "It  
is conceivable we will not  
need to use the troops that  
are now being recruited."

The Revolutionary Council  
is on a boat off the Cuban  
coast, awaiting word that  
enough territory has been  
cleared for them to set up  
their government in arms.

If all goes as expected to  
day the Council hopes to be  
recognized as the legal gov  
ernment of Cuba by a num  
ber of hemisphere nations  
before the week-end.

The troops landed in Cuba

today are part of the reserve  
force of the rebel army, and  
previous plans called for  
them to take part in landings  
elsewhere on the island.

Their use at Cochin Bay  
is indicative of the high op  
timism prevailing among  
Revolutionary Council mem  
bers.

Meanwhile, blood donor cen  
ters have been set up here to  
provide transfusions for  
wounded rebels. Only Type  
O blood is being taken. Many  
of the donors are wives and  
relatives of men now fighting  
in Cuba.

**MANY ENLIST**

And men of all ages are  
continuing to enlist in the  
rebel army.

"My son is at Cochin Bay  
now," a former Havana  
businessman said. "I am 57  
years old, but I am willing to  
fight. I cannot live if that  
man continues to rule my  
homeland."

Exiles here plan a mam  
moth demonstration tonight  
to show the world their ap  
proval of the invasion and of  
United States policy.

"This will show the com  
munists there is much more  
support for the rebels than  
there is for Castro," one of  
the leaders of the rally said.

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# U.S. Pilot Shot, Cubans Claim

MIAMI, Fla., April 19 (AP). —The government-controlled Cuban radio said today that anti-aircraft batteries shot down a "North American military plane" and killed its pilot, also described as a North American.

The broadcast said this proved North American intervention in the three-day old Cuban invasion.

It is customary throughout Latin America to refer to the United States as "North America." Cuban broadcasts during the last few days have consistently referred to the United States in this manner.

The communicate said the plane was one of four shot down during the morning. It charged that the plane had been bombing civilians and Castro troops in the South

central area of Cuba. The only confirmed landing of anti-Castro forces Monday was in the same area.

## Name Not Clear

The name of the downed pilot was not spelled out in the broadcast. Monitors here heard it as either Leo Francis Bell or Leo Francis Berry.

His address was given as 48 Beacon street, Boston. The Cuban report, though describing the aircraft as "a North American military airplane," did not give a military rank for the pilot.

In Washington, the Defense Department said it had no record of the man being in either the military forces or the civilian branch of the services. Otherwise, the department declined comment. At the White House, Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said the Government is making a further investigation. Neither he nor the State Department had any information beyond news reports.

Actually, the Castro government broadcast gave no concrete evidence that the pilot was a military man.

## Documents Cited

The papers he was said to be carrying were all civilian documents, including social security card 014-07-6921.

The Cuban communicate said Bell's plane was one of four downed today, bringing to nine the total of anti-Castro aircraft claimed to have been shot down since the start of the three-day old invasion.

This was the first formal claim by the Cuban government of the destruction of invading aircraft.

The communicate was signed by the command of the revolutionary (Castro) army's general staff. It predicted that the anti-Castro invading forces would be annihilated "in a matter of hours."

The Cuban broadcast said that "documents dealing with the aggressive flight" were found in the dead pilot's clothing. No details were given.

## Special Network

The claim of the planes' destruction was made over a hastily summoned nation-wide network. Similar hookups have been used by the Cuban radio for all major news announcements since the start of the invasion Monday.

The pilot of the downed aircraft was described as 5 feet 6 inches tall. He was said to be carrying a pilot's license valid until December 24, 1962. Its number was listed as 8323-1L.

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NONE OF THE REPORTS WAS CONFIRMED EITHER BY THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL OR ANY SOURCE FROM INSIDE CUBA. GENERAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE REBELS LOST RADIO CONTACT WITH ITS BEACHHEAD FORCE AFTER 3:30 P.M. YESTERDAY.

FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE DAY THEY HAD BEEN UNDER HEAVY ATTACK FROM CASTRO'S PLANES, TANKS AND ARTILLERY. THE FRONTLINE COMMANDER WAS ASKED IF HE WANTED TO EVACUATE.

"I WILL NEVER LEAVE THIS COUNTRY," HE REPLIED.

ACCORDING TO CASTRO'S ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY THE LAST ORGANIZED RESISTANCE MELTED WITHIN TWO HOURS AFTER THAT.

FOR THE FIRST TIME LAST NIGHT'S REBEL COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBED THE ASSAULT FORCE AS NUMBERING "IN THE HUNDREDS, NOT THE THOUSANDS." A REBEL SPOKESMAN HAD DECLARED MONDAY THAT THE LANDINGS HAD PUT 5,000 MEN ASHORE.

"THE RECENT LANDINGS IN CUBA HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY, THOUGH INACCURATELY, DESCRIBED AS AN INVASION," LAST NIGHT'S STATEMENT OF EXILE LEADERS SAID. "IT WAS, IN FACT, A LANDING MAINLY OF SUPPLIES AND SUPPORT FOR OUR PATRIOTS WHO HAVE BEEN FIGHTING IN CUBA FOR MONTHS, AND WAS NUMBERED IN THE HUNDREDS, NOT THE THOUSANDS."

IT CONTINUED: "WE DO NOT EXPECT TO TACKLE CASTRO IMMEDIATELY OR WITHOUT SETBACKS, AND IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT WE DID NOT EXPECT TO FACE, UNSCATHED, SOVIET ARMAMENT DIRECTED BY COMMUNIST 'ADVISERS.' WE DID AND SURVIVED."

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(CUBA)

FIDEL CASTRO PROCLAIMED TRIUMPHANTLY TODAY THAT HIS FORCES HAD DESTROYED AN INVASION OF CUBA AND SEIZED A LARGE NUMBER OF NORTH AMERICAN-MADE ARMS, INCLUDING HEAVY SHERMAN TANKS.

IN A COMMUNIQUE READ FOR HIM OVER HAVANA RADIO EARLY THIS MORNING THE CUBAN PREMIER SAID HIS REGULAR ARMY AND MILITIAMEN OVERRAN THE INVADERS' LAST POSITION AT GIRON BEACH, ON THE BAY OF PIGS, AT 5:30 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

HE SAID HIS OWN FORCES HAD SUFFERED HIGH CASUALTIES BUT FINALLY "DESTROYED IN LESS THAN 72 HOURS THE ARMY WHICH WAS ORGANIZED DURING MANY MONTHS BY THE IMPERIALIST GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES."

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID SOME OF THE INVADERS--WHOM HE TERMED "MERCENARIES"--TRIED TO ESCAPE BY SEA BUT CASTRO'S TROOPS EQUIPPED WITH COMMUNIST-BUILT MIGS, TANKS AND ARTILLERY, SANK THE SHIPS.

"THE REMAINDER OF THE MERCENARY FORCES, AFTER SUFFERING NUMEROUS CASUALTIES OF DEAD AND WOUNDED, DISPERSED COMPLETELY IN A SWAMPY REGION FROM WHICH NONE HAS ANY POSSIBLE ESCAPE," CASTRO SAID.

REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS IN EXILE CONCEDED LAST NIGHT THEIR FORCES HAD SUFFERED "TRAGIC LOSSES" BUT THAT MANY HAD JOINED UP WITH GUERRILLA FORCES IN THE ESCAMBRAY MOUNTAINS.

THEY SAID THE BATTLE TO TOPPLE CASTRO FROM POWER WOULD GO ON.

EXILE GROUPS IN PUERTO RICO, MIAMI, MEXICO CITY AND NEW YORK SEETHED WITH REPORTS OF NEW OR IMMINENT REBEL LANDINGS.

ONE REPORT BROADCAST BY A CLANDESTINE REBEL RADIO CALLING ITSELF "CUBA LIBRE" BUT KNOWN TO BE OPERATING OUTSIDE CUBA SAID A LANDING HAD BEEN MADE ON THE CUBAN NORTH COAST NEAR MORON, IN CAMAGUEY PROVINCE.

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(CUBA)

WASHINGTON--ANTI-CASTRO FORCES APPEARED TODAY TO HAVE  
 LOST THE BATTLE BUT NOT THE LONG-TERM WAR TO OVERTHROW  
 CUBAN PREMIER CASTRO.

THIS WAS THE VIEW OF DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS SEEKING TO APPRAISE  
 THE REPERCUSSIONS OF CASTRO'S APPARENT DEFEAT OF AN INVASION FORCE  
 AFTER THREE DAYS OF HEAVY FIGHTING IN THE COCHINOS BAY AREA.

THESE OFFICIALS SAID CASTRO'S SUCCESS WAS BOUND TO HAVE A  
 HEAVY PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PROPAGANDA IMPACT, PARTICULARLY  
 ON THE U.S. POSITION IN LATIN AMERICA.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY DISCUSSED THE CUBAN SITUATION WITH TOP OFFICIALS,  
 INCLUDING CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS OF BOTH PARTIES, AT A TWO-HOUR  
 WHITE HOUSE MEETING LATE YESTERDAY. NONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS  
 WOULD COMMENT.

THE COCHINOS BAY INVASION, ACCORDING TO SOURCES HERE, WAS  
 ATTEMPTED WITH A SHOCKINGLY SMALL FORCE OF ONLY A FEW HUNDRED MEN  
 WHOSE EFFORT WAS DOOMED TO FAILURE WHEN UPRISINGS AND DEFECTIONS  
 IN CUBA FAILED TO MATERIALIZE.

AUTHORITIES HERE SAID THERE WAS A BRIGHT SIDE TO THE PICTURE,  
 HOWEVER. THEY REPORTED THAT IN THE COURSE OF THE GENERAL DISORDER  
 IN CUBA, SOME 4,000 MEN HAD SLIPPED INTO THE ESCAMBRAY MOUNTAINS  
 TO JOIN ANTI-CASTRO GUERRILLA FORCES THERE. THESE MEN PRESUMABLY  
 CAME FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF CUBA, ALTHOUGH SOME MIGHT HAVE GONE  
 ASHORE FROM VESSELS.

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(CUBA)

ANTI-CASTRO EXILES, DEFEATED ON THE BEACHES OF CUBA, TURNED THEIR INVASION INTO A GUERRILLA MOUNTAIN WAR THURSDAY AND A SERIES OF SMALL LANDINGS TO BOLSTER THE HIT-RUN FIGHTERS WAS REPORTED.

"WE HAVE JUST BEGUN TO FIGHT," EXILE SPOKESMEN SAID AS PREMIER CASTRO AND THE COMMUNIST WORLD PROCLAIMED THAT THE BIG INVASION MONDAY HAD BEEN SHATTERED AND THAT ARMS, INCLUDING AMERICAN SHERMAN TANKS, HAD BEEN CAPTURED.

CASTRO INTENSIFIED HIS CRACKDOWN ON OPPONENT. AT LEAST 12 MORE PERSONS WERE EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUADS. THE SWISS EMBASSY WHICH HANDLES UNITED STATES AFFAIRS IN CUBA REPORTED AT LEAST 18 AND PROBABLY MORE AMERICANS HELD INCOMMUNICADO UNDER ARREST.

AS CASTRO STEPPED UP ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE "GGINGO" UNITED STATES, INFORMED SOURCES AT THE U.S. NAVY BASE AT GUANTANAMO BAY SAID THE PREMIER HAD SET UP ARTILLERY BETWEEN GUANTANAMO CITY AND GLORIETTA, SEVEN MILES WEST OF THE BASE. GUANTANAMO REMAINED CALM AND ALERT.

BOTH CASTRO AND THE EXILES ADMITTED "TRAGIC LOSSES" IN THE INVASION MONDAY. CASTRO SAID THE "REMAINDER" OF THE INVADERS WERE FLOUNDERING TRAPPED IN A SWAMP.

EXILES IN THE UNITED STATES SAID SURVIVORS HAVE MADE IT INTO THE ESCAMBRAY MOUNTAINS FOR GUERRILLA WARFARE.

AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES IN THE UNITED STATES SAID THAT WHILE THE COMMUNIST-ARMED CASTRO FORCES WERE USING TANKS AND MIG JETS TO SMASH BACK THE MAIN INVADING FORCE OF MORE THAN 500 MEN AT COCHINOS BAY MONDAY, OTHER, SMALLER FORCES BEGAN LANDING AND DRIFTING INTO THE HILLS.

SMALLER GROUPS "AT RANDOM" MADE IT ASHORE, BRINGING COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES BADLY NEEDED BY THE REBELS OPERATING IN THE ESCAMBRAY RANGE IN CENTRAL CUBA.

AS MANY AS 2,000 MEN MAY HAVE MADE IT INTO THE MOUNTAINS TO HELP THE ANTI-CASTRO CAUSE, THESE SOURCES SAID.

THEY DESCRIBED THE COCHINOS BAY LANDING IN SOUTHERN CUBA MONDAY AS THE SUNDAY PUNCH. IT MISSED. THE ATTACKERS PRESSED INLAND, THEN WERE SMASHED BACK INTO THE SEA, THEY SAID.

BUT THE SOURCES SAID ANOTHER FORCE OF MORE THAN 500 MEN GOT ASHORE SAFELY IN EASTERNMOST CUBA LAST SATURDAY NIGHT, AND ALMOST ALL ARE BELIEVED SAFELY HOLED UP IN THE HILLS. 105-89923-A

THE SERIES OF SMALL LANDINGS REPORTED IN ADDITION TO THE BEACH ASSAULTS SATURDAY NIGHT AND MONDAY WERE SAID TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT VARIOUS PLACES ALONG CUBA'S 2,200-MILE COASTLINE.

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CUBAN EXILE SOURCES DISPUTED CASTRO'S CLAIM TO HAVE CAPTURED U.S.-BUILT SHERMAN TANKS. THEY SAID IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO LAND THEM IN THE SWAMPY AREA WHERE THE REBELS WENT ASHORE, AND SAID THE STATEMENT WAS MADE FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES.

THE EXILES SAID THE UNITED STATES HAD FURNISHED SHERMAN TANKS TO CUBA UNDER A HEMISPHERIC DEFENSE PACT AND THAT CASTRO WOULD BE ABLE TO PHOTOGRAPH SUCH TANKS AS "PROOF" OF AMERICAN INTERVENTION.

THE EXILES ALSO REPORTED THE GUERRILLA RADIO STATION IN THE ESCAMBRAY MOUNTAINS REPORTED INVASION FORCE MEMBERS WERE TRICKLING IN IN A STEADY STREAM. THEY CALLED THE REPORTS "HEARTENING."

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**(RUSK)**

MARIETTA, GA.--SECRETARY OF STATE RUSK SAID TODAY THE REBEL UPRISING IN CUBA WAS NOT A MAJOR INVASION, BUT REFUSED COMMENT ON REBEL CLAIMS THAT THE BLOODSHED MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A FINAL BATTLE FOR CUBA'S LIBERATION.

RUSK, RETURNING TO HIS HOME STATE FOR A SERIES OF SPEECHES FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE CABINET POST, REPEATED DENIALS THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HELPED THE FORCES OPPOSING CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO.

BUT HE CONCEDED THE REBELS WERE RECEIVING A GREAT DEAL OF HELP BOTH FROM OUTSIDE AND WITHIN THIS COUNTRY.

HE SAID THIS WAS NOT UNUSUAL AND SAID OBTAINING AID IN THIS FASHION HAS BEEN A TRADITIONAL MEANS OF WAGING LIBERATION FIGHTS THROUGHOUT HISTORY.

RUSK SAID CASTRO "DID SOME RECRUITING HIMSELF" WHILE MOUNTING A REBELLION AGAINST DEPOSED DICTATOR FULGENCIO BATISTA.

WHILE DENYING THAT THE RECENT UPRISING CONSTITUTED A MAJOR INVASION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE DID NOT SUPPLY A BETTER TERM.

HE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE ON HIS ARRIVAL THAT ANTI-CASTRO FORCES UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM DESPITE THE APPARENT COLLAPSE OF THE RECENT EXPEDITION.

RUSK PASSED UP A POSSIBLE MEETING WITH PRINCE SOUVANNA PHOUMA OF LAOS TO MAKE HIS LONG-SCHEDULED TRIP TO GEORGIA. HE WILL ADDRESS THE ATLANTA BAR ASSOCIATION TONIGHT.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID HE HAD TO PASS UP THE VISIT WITH THE  
LAOTIAN LEADER BECAUSE "HIS SCHEDULE AND MINE JUST DIDN'T FIT."

RUSK SAID THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON THE TIMING OF CEASE FIRE IN LAOS THAT APPARENTLY HINGES ON ANOTHER EAST-WEST CONFERENCE.

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(PICKETS)

WASHINGTON--A GROUP OF ABOUT 70 ANTI-CASTRO CUBANS PICKETED THE VICINITY OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY TODAY AND THEN PARADED IN FRONT OF THE WHITE HOUSE WITH SIGNS DENOUNCING COMMUNISM AND ASKING U.S. HELP IN THE REBEL EFFORTS.

THE PICKETS, UNDER DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LAW, WERE KEPT A HALF BLOCK AWAY FROM THE EMBASSY.

BUT, FOR A WHILE, THEY MARCHED IN FRONT OF THE WHITE HOUSE WITH SIGNS SUCH AS, "COMMIES GET OUT OF CUBA," "AMERICANS HELP STOP COMMUNISM," AND "CUBA SI, RUSSIA NO."

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# Matter of Fact American Suez

Joseph Alsop is on a brief vacation. In his absence his column will be written by his brother Stewart.

"CUBA LOOKS like the American Suez." This was the assessment of one American official who knows as much as anyone—which is not very much—about what has actually happened in Cuba. "And Hungary, too," another American official added.



The first man meant Stewart Alsop that the United States appears to have suffered in Cuba a setback as disastrous as that Britain and France suffered in 1956 when their Suez adventure failed. The second meant that, as during the Hungarian uprising, the United States has again stood aside while men who had been encouraged to oppose Communist tyranny were destroyed.

These views may still prove too gloomy. But as of this writing, the belief that the outcome in Cuba represents a genuine and major disaster for the United States is almost universal in the Government. There are also those who believe that, in order to retrieve the disaster, American forces may yet intervene in Cuba, despite the repeated flat statements to the contrary by President Kennedy and Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

To understand something of what has happened, and why, it is necessary to consider what President Kennedy found on his desk when he took office.

He found, first, an Eisenhower Administration policy paper, known as "the Castro must-go paper," which ruled that the Communist infection in Cuba must be eliminated.

Second, the President found a detailed plan for eliminating the infection by force. The plan calls for a

Cuban ground contingent drawn from some 8000 Cuban refugee volunteers of military age, to be supported in an invasion of Cuba by American air cover and logistic support.

The plan had, in fact, gone well beyond the planning stage. Already some 5000 Cubans had been trained, and at one point in the autumn the invasion had actually been scheduled—it was then called off by President Eisenhower, in consultation with the President-elect.

FROM THE FIRST, the new President had strong doubts about the scheme, and especially about the proposed American participation. His subordinates were divided, with the Pentagon and the Central Intelligence Agency generally favoring direct action, while the State Department favored the "give Castro enough rope to hang himself" theory.

As the weeks passed, events began to increase the pressure for action. Some 180 Soviet jet aircraft began arriving in Havana in February, and the intelligence reported that by mid-May the 250 Cuban pilots being trained in Czechoslovakia would be ready for action.

The Castro regime had been starving out the anti-Castro guerillas, especially the big force of 28,000 men in the Escambray Mountains, and the guerillas were thus a wasting asset.

In this situation, the Cuban refugee leaders called for action before it was too late. Some claimed hopefully that the Castro regime would disintegrate, like the walls of Jericho, at the first landing of rebel troops.

The intelligence services did not subscribe to this theory. But intelligence estimates indicated that there was a good chance that a landing would result in sufficient mass defections so that at least a sizable area of Cuba might be held, even without overt American intervention.

The rebel government was argued by the activists, could then be established in the area, and quickly recognized by the United States and other anti-Castro governments. Massive aid to this recognized government would then assure the defeat of Castro, without the use of American arms.

So ran the theory. President Kennedy, despite his doubts, was at last persuaded, not to veto the operation. At the same time, he was also persuaded, largely through the influence of United Nations Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson, to state unequivocally that American forces would not be used in Cuba.

IN THE DAYS since the landings, as the news has become worse, some of the President's advisers, including a majority of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have urged American intervention on the grounds that the alternative—to stand aside while the men we have trained and supported are destroyed—is intolerable.

But the President's own public promise not to use American force in Cuba has acted as a powerful brake, and as this is written the President and most of his chief civilian advisers still strongly resist any open American intervention in Cuba.

Perhaps something will be saved from the wreckage. New efforts by the Cuban refugee forces may yet succeed, where the efforts so far made have so unhappily failed. But there is no use blinking the fact that in the eyes of the world the United States has suffered a terrible defeat.

And the facts recounted above suggest that the new President may have broken his own rule, as laid down in his inaugural address: "While hoping for the best, we should prepare for the worst."

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ADD 3 INTELLIGENCE WASHINGTON

THERE HAD BEEN A HOPE THAT MORE OF CASTRO'S MILITARY FORCES WOULD DEFECT THAN THE FEW PILOTS WHO REPORTEDLY BOMBED THEIR OWN BASES.

THERE WERE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THAT CUBAN PILOTS HAD BEEN TRAINED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO FLY MIGS BUT THAT THE ONLY MIGS THAT CASTRO HAD STILL WERE IN CRATES.

OFFICIALS REPORTED THERE WERE INDICATIONS MIGS WERE USED IN STRAFING THE REBEL LANDING PARTIES ON THE BEACHES.

IT WAS LEARNED MEANWHILE THAT THE REBEL LANDING PARTY WAS EQUIPPED WITH AMERICAN-MADE SHERMAN TANKS BUT THAT CASTRO'S FIRE PREVENTED THEM FROM GETTING ASHORE, AND THEY ENDED "BLOWN INTO THE WATER."

THE NUMBER OF MEN TAKING PART IN THE REBEL ASSAULT STILL WAS IN DISPUTE. THE BEST ESTIMATE HERE WAS THAT IT CONSISTED OF ABOUT 1,200 MEN, ONLY A "FEW HUNDRED" OF WHOM WERE ABLE TO STAY ASHORE IN A TENABLE POSITION.

IN OFFICIAL WASHINGTON'S ANALYSIS OF WHAT WENT WRONG THERE WERE SOME RECRIMINATIONS BETWEEN AGENCIES. SOME BLAMED THE CIA.

BUT ONE CABINET-LEVEL SOURCE WAS QUOTED TODAY AS SAYING THE MISCALCULATION WAS SHARED "BY THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT."

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THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION OBVIOUSLY HAD MISGIVINGS OVER THE  
MILITARY ADVENTURE, BUT GAVE ITS FULL MORAL SUPPORT FOR IT TO START  
WHEN IT DID.

SECRETARY OF STATE RUSK, THE CIA, DEFENSE SECRETARY MCNAMARA  
AND THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ALL AGREED TO LET THE REBELLION BEGIN.  
THE REBELS PLANNED TO ESTABLISH A BEACHHEAD AND SET UP A  
PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

"THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND IN THIS COUNTRY THOUGHT THE INVASION WOULD  
WORK," ONE OFFICIAL HERE SAID, "AND THEY THOUGHT IT STRONGLY ENOUGH TO  
SEND THEIR SONS INTO IT."

INFORMATION FROM OFFICIALS HERE DIFFERED AS TO THE MILITARY  
MISCALCULATION.

ONE HIGH ADMINISTRATION SOURCE SAID: "CASTRO TURNED OUT TO HAVE MORE  
TANKS, MORE AIRPOWER IN GENERAL, MORE ARTILLERY, MORE MODERN MACHINE  
GUNS AND MORE COMMUNIST-BLOC TECHNICIANS THAN ANYONE HAD THOUGHT."

OTHER OFFICIALS SAID THE MISCALCULATION WAS NOT SO MUCH IN THE  
AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT AS IN THE TRAINING OF MEN TO USE IT AND THE  
ABILITY TO MOBILIZE IT EFFECTIVELY.

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ADD 1 INTELLIGENCE, WASHINGTON (UPI-228)  
IT BEGAN NEARLY A YEAR AGO WHEN CUBANS WHO HAD FLED HERE BEGAN  
MAKING PLANS TO SOME DAY RECONQUER THEIR ISLAND.  
OFFICIALS INSISTED NO MILITARY TRAINING WAS DONE HERE DURING  
THAT PERIOD, BUT TOOK PLACE IN GUATEMALA AND PRESUMABLY OTHER LATIN  
COUNTRIES.  
BUT THE REBEL LEADERSHIP OBTAINED ADVICE HERE, AND SUPPLIES WERE  
PROCURED.

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(INTELLIGENCE)

WASHINGTON--TWO MAJOR INTELLIGENCE "MISCALCULATIONS" WERE INVOLVED IN THIS WEEK'S TRAGIC ATTEMPT BY ANTI-CASTRO CUBANS TO REGAIN THEIR HOMELAND, KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID TONIGHT.

THEY MADE THESE POINTS:

--THERE WAS A MAJOR UNDERESTIMATION OF CASTRO'S MILITARY STRENGTH, HIS ABILITY TO MOBILIZE TROOPS AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO FIGHT.

--BOTH U.S. AND CUBAN REBEL INTELLIGENCE MISJUDGED THE DEGREE OF POLICE STATE CONTROL WHICH CASTRO HAS OVER CUBA AND WHICH PREVENTED A GENERAL UPRISING OF THE PEOPLE.

OFFICIALS SAID IT WAS NOT KNOWN THAT CASTRO HAD SOVIET MIG FIGHTER PLANES IN FLYING CONDITION.

THEY SAID THE EXTENT OF HIS POLICE CONTROL AND HIS NETWORK OF AGENTS AND INFORMERS ON THE COMMUNITY LEVEL WAS NOT REALIZED UNTIL THESE MOVED INTO ACTION ROUNDING UP THOUSANDS OF CUBANS AND HERDING THEM INTO MAKESHIFT CONCENTRATION CAMPS.

THE TWO MISCALCULATIONS WENT HAND IN HAND. A LOCAL UPRISING WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE LIKELY HAD NOT THE MILITARY SITUATION BEEN SO DISMAL.

AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF SILENCE, OFFICIAL WASHINGTON TONIGHT BEGAN TELLING REPORTERS SOME OF THE STORY OF THE CUBAN INVASION.

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## Havana Rattles Russian Rockets

# Fidel Claims U. S. Navy Covered Rebel Forces

By FRANCOIS L. MCCARTHY

Havana radio charged today that two U. S. destroyers covered the exile forces that invaded Cuba this week and that Cuban defenders under the personal direction of Fidel Castro had shot down a number of planes including a B-29 Superfortress and an F-86 Sabrejet.

Castro's radio also boasted of Soviet rocket support and hurled unparalleled invective at the United States. It warned the United States it would risk World War III if it tried to stop the march of communism in Cuba.

(George Clifford, of the Washington Daily News, reporting from Miami, quoted a highly placed rebel official as saying that iron curtain army officers are leading Castro's forces. The source said intelligence reports arriving in Miami from the scenes of recent action show that most of the officers are Czechs. The rebel source said Castro's field commander in the Escambray is a Czech.

(The appearance of European communists carries considerable significance in light of President Kennedy's statement yesterday on foreign intervention in Cuba.)

### SMALL LANDINGS

Anti-Castro exile sources said there had been a number of small but successful landings at various places along Cuba's 2200 mile coastline to bring rebel forces in the mountains badly-needed reinforcements, supplies and communications equipment.

They said as many as 2000 men may have made it into the Escambray mountains of central Cuba and another 500 were believed to have holed up safely in the mountains of eastern Cuba after a landing last Saturday night.

Meanwhile, Castro reign of terror is in full swing in Cuba. Fifty thousand men, women and children reportedly were herded into improvised camps behind the mountains.

apparently did not include any organized uprising within Cuba which the invaders had counted on. This information was obtained in the first independent telephone contact with the Cuban capital since the invasion forces landed.

Castro's radio declared that a great number of arms were captured in the invasion—all North American made. It said these included five Sherman tanks—a statement already denied by exiles—artillery, heavy mortars, anti-tank guns, machineguns, hand grenades and radio equipment.

It said twin-engine B-26 bombers and amphibious planes were shot down during the invasion as well as at least one Sabrejet and a Super Fortress.

Castro himself was believed still in the Escambray area and there were indications his brother, Raul, was taking a hand in the Oriente campaign. Neither of the Castros has appeared personally on radio or television since shortly after the invasion began Monday.

A Cuban exile station operating in the Caribbean reported Fidel had been injured by a bomb that fell near him but there was nothing to support this. An eyewitness reported from Havana last night that the Premier was seen eating in a Havana restaurant Tuesday.

Havana Radio said in a long commentary on President Kennedy's message Wednesday on Cuba that Mr. Kennedy had ignored the Soviet "sermon" against intervention in Cuba.

"The day that Kennedy passes to the direct aggression of his threat, then he will see to his regret as the Soviet Union and the socialists behind the scenes at 62 on reduced be-er of

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(CUBAN PHOTOS)

NEW YORK--THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPHS FROM CUBA SINCE THE REBEL LANDINGS LAST WEEKEND WERE RECEIVED IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY AND DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD BY UPI.

ONE PICTURE SHOWED A LONG LINE OF MEN IDENTIFIED AS CAPTURED MEMBERS OF THE INVADING FORCE.

ANOTHER SHOWED A DISABLED HEAVY TANK WHICH CUBAN AUTHORITIES DESCRIBED AS AMERICAN-MADE. U.S. MILITARY EXPERTS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO MAKE AN IDENTIFICATION CHECK OF THE TANK. THE CUBANS SAID IT WAS PUT OUT OF ACTION NEAR GIRON BEACH IN LAS VILLAS PROVINCE WHERE ANTI-CASTRO FORCES BRIEFLY HELD A BEACHHEAD.

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wreck of a ship used for disem-  
barkment.

The Yugoslav report said about 300 wounded government soldiers are in temporary hospitals set up in the area.

The general quiet in Havana

last night amid the govern-  
ment claims of victory was  
attributed by this observer to  
heavy casualties suffered by  
Castro forces in the fighting.

#### Suspects Arrested

A Swiss Embassy spokesman  
said Castro police were still ar-  
resting suspected counterrevolu-  
tionaries. The Havana cor-  
respondent of the Belgrade  
newspaper Politika reported  
"merciless arrests of suspicious  
characters." He said this round-  
up "as well as executions of  
those caught in sabotage is  
the explanation for the great  
success of Cuba."

In Mexico City Cubana Air-  
lines announced it was resum-  
ing flights between that city  
and Havana today.

Abroad American prestige—  
and that of President Kennedy  
—took a sharp drop because of  
the rebel setback. Disappoint-  
ment at the open American  
espousal of the rebel cause  
was expressed even in some  
sections of the European press  
usually favorable to America.  
But Mr. Kennedy's speech yes-  
terday was hailed by some as  
a tough fighting challenge to  
communism.

The conservative London  
Daily Mail said the defeat of  
the Cuban invaders was "a  
shocking blow to American  
prestige and to the reputation  
of President Kennedy." But  
the Mail called Mr. Kennedy's  
speech strong and forthright  
and said "plain speaking is  
what Khrushchev understands  
—and respects."

The Daily Herald, a British  
Labor Party supporter, com-  
plained, "President Kennedy's  
words about Cuba... will fill  
his liberal admirers with dis-  
may. It seems he is determined  
to see the downfall of Dr.  
Castro."

In France the left-of-center  
Combat said Mr. Kennedy was

compromising the chances of  
a renovation of American policy  
while Russia was making hay  
with American mistakes. But  
the right-of-center Figaro em-  
phasized Mr. Kennedy's "ener-  
getic speech."

Rome's big independent daily,  
Il Messagero, said in a front  
page editorial: "The American  
Chief Executive has renewed  
his pledge to oppose decisively  
any Communist interference  
within the framework of Amer-  
ican States."

Tass, the Soviet news agency,  
distributed a 200-word sum-  
mary of Mr. Kennedy's speech  
but made no comment. Nor was  
there any immediate comment  
from Moscow radio.

The British Foreign Office  
declined comment, saying the  
issue is before the United Na-  
tions. But two British frigates  
in the Caribbean were ordered  
to stand by in case British na-  
tionals had to be evacuated  
suddenly from Cuba. Three  
Britons were reported among  
foreigners arrested by Castro  
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## Invaders Reply Reds Assisted Castro Forces

### Miro Cardona's Son Reported Among Prisoners Seized

By the Associated Press

The Cuban radio charged today the rebel invaders—beaten on Cuba's beaches—were trained by United States officers in Guatemala. The broadcast said the attackers were ferried to the beachhead in "North American military transports" escorted by "Yankee destroyers."

The broadcast said the story was told by prisoners captured on the beach. Among them is the son of Dr. Jose Miro Cardona, head of the rebel movement in the United States, Havana asserted.

Exile leaders in New York said a son of Dr. Miro Cardona was in the landing.

The insurgent "army of liberation" answered this charge of United States intervention by declaring that the Soviet Union, Red China and Communist Czechoslovakia were actively aiding Fidel Castro's forces.

### "Liberators" to Fight On

Denying Cuban government claims that not a single invader made it into the interior, the insurgent broadcast said the "army of liberation" is firmly entrenched in the Escambray Mountains of Central Cuba and is ready to fight on to victory. Then the broadcast added:

"The fight is hard. It is not easy to defeat the traitors, who are operating with the intervention of Russia, China and Czechoslovakia."

How many invaders may have made it into the mountains to join up with anti-Castro guerrillas is a matter of conjecture. Cuban exile sources in Miami say about 1,000 fighters went ashore. Roundabout Communist reports put total prisoners at 500.

In support of its claim that the invasion was the work of "Yankee mercenaries," Havana Radio said prisoners told of being flown from the United States to Rhetalelu Camp in Guatemala. They were quoted as saying they were trained there by 25 instructors from "the Yankee army."

### Captured Weapons Cited

The Havana broadcast said the prisoners reported they were flown to Puerto Cabezas in Nicaragua, where they boarded the "North American military transports."

Guatemala and Nicaragua have denied officially they had anything to do with the operation.

Havana said all captured weapons were "North American arms" and included five Sherman tanks, machineguns, rifles, anti-tank guns, rocket launchers, flamethrowers and trucks.

Havana once more charged that United States-type warplanes supported the landings.

The rebel invaders earlier had charged they were met on the beaches by Russian-made tanks and were attacked by Soviet-made MIG jets.

Havana radio asserted Prime Minister Fidel Castro personally led the fight against the invaders. His absence from Cuban airwaves has led to speculation he may have been incapacitated or shunted aside by the Communists.

### Island Still Tense

The Caribbean island was reported still tense and swept by fears and rumors that dampened victory celebrations by supporters of the Castro regime.

The government radio said that Mr. Castro, who has not appeared on broadcasts since the landings Monday, would make an appearance at a giant May Day celebration on May 1.

The Castro regime claimed that the only survivors of the invasion surrendered yesterday after being trapped in the south coast swamps. The government said they would be shown on TV tonight.

"All the mercenaries have been counted, and are either dead or prisoners awaiting action by revolutionary tribunals," a broadcast announcement said.

The rebel Radio Swan claimed that the anti-Castro ranks were swelling with large numbers of "teachers, students, workers, peasants and housewives" joining the guerrillas in the mountains.

### More Battles Predicted

Predictions of more battles came from both pro-Castro and anti-Castro camps.

The Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda told its readers there was chance of a new invasion, that "the gamblers have no intention of leaving Cuba alone."

A Cuban insurgent source in Miami said that only about one-fifth—1,000 out of 5,000—

of the anti-Castro troops being trained in exile were used in the week-end landings.

Havana was reported quiet and tense as darkness fell last night after a spattering of noisy "victory" celebrations. Telephone service between Miami and the Cuban capital was restored but was spotty.

A diplomatic informant in the city said there were some rumors about the absence of top government officials—including Fidel Castro, his brother Raul and Economic Czar Ernesto (Che) Guevara. None appeared in public at the celebrations. This informant said the public apparently took the view they were in the fighting zone.

### Doctor Reported Seized

The Havana radio said the son of Dr. Miro Cardona, four "Falangist priests," and four doctors were among the prisoners captured on the beachhead. Young Miro Cardona was quoted as saying both he and his father had been mistaken in their estimate of Cuban reaction to the landings.

The Cuban announcement did not give the number of prisoners taken, but reports officially distributed to Communist newspapers in East Berlin said they totaled 500, almost half the invasion force.

Yugoslav correspondents who toured the beach area said it looked like a World War II battlefield... shell holes... thousands of gun and rifle bullets... trucks and armored cars on fire... destroyed Sherman tanks... ruins of houses... and near the beach the

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BELGRADE--"SOME...AMERICAN NATIONALS" WERE KILLED WHILE TRYING TO PARACHUTE INTO CUBA, THE OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY TANJUG SAID TONIGHT IN A DISPATCH FROM HAVANA.

JOVAN MIRIC, HAVANA CORRESPONDENT FOR TANJUG, DID NOT IDENTIFY THE AMERICANS, BUT SAID THEY WERE SHOT IN THE AIR DURING A SECOND ASSAULT TUESDAY. THEY WERE BELIEVED TO BE "INSTRUCTORS AND COMMAND PERSONNEL," HE SAID.

MIRIC ALSO SAID AT LEAST 300 CUBAN SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED AS THEY FOLLOWED FIDEL CASTRO INTO BATTLE. MOST OF THEM, HE SAID, WERE HURT IN HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING IN LAS VILLAS PROVINCE AFTER THE INVADERS TRIED TO ADVANCE BEHIND A SHIELD OF CAPTURED CUBAN WOMEN.

THE YUGOSLAV REPORT GAVE NO ESTIMATE OF INVADER CASUALTIES, BUT SAID ABOUT 100 ENEMY SOLDIERS SURRENDERED. "NOW THE TROOPS OF THE CUBAN ARMY AND MILITIA ARE CLEARING THIS (LAS VILLAS) SWAMPY TERRAIN WHERE SMALLER GROUPS OF LANDED ARE AT LARGE."

MIRIC SAID THERE WERE MANY OVERTURNED TANKS AND DESTROYED HOUSES NEAR THE PLAJA LARGO, THE BEACH WHERE THE MOST INTENSE FIGHTING TOOK PLACE.

"THE FIRST ALARM WAS GIVEN SOMEWHAT AFTER MIDNIGHT," HE SAID. "...IT WAS STILL DARK. NO ONE KNEW EITHER THE STRENGTH OR THE DISPOSITION OF THE ATTACKERS..."

"HAVING MADE GOOD THEIR SURPRISE ATTACK, THE INVADERS SOON CONSOLIDATED THEIR POSITIONS AND...TOOK SEVERAL OF THE NEARBY LOCALITIES AND ROUNDED UP ALL THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN."

"AT NOON THE DEFENDERS OF CUBA (SAW) THE ENEMY SLOWLY ADVANCING BEHIND A LIVING SHIELD OF CAPTURED WOMEN."

MIRIC SAID "FIDEL CASTRO ARRIVED AT THE FRONTLINE" MONDAY AFTER-NOON, ONLY MINUTES AFTER HAVANA RADIO ANNOUNCED HE HAD BEEN APPOINTED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

"THE SITUATION AT THE FRONT WAS GLOOMY. THE ENEMY HELD THREE BRIDGEHEADS, HAD EMERGED FROM THE SWAMPS, FANNED OUT HIS MOTORIZED UNITS AND THROWN HIS TANKS INTO ACTION..."

"MONDAY EVENING, THE BATTLE FOR CUBA BEGAN. FIDEL CASTRO DISLOCATED HIS TROOPS AND HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING ENSUED...THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES."

MIRIC SAID "ABOUT 300 DEFENDERS OF CUBA WERE WOUNDED IN THIS BATTLE. THEY WERE ALMOST THE ONLY CUBAN CASUALTIES."

LATER, HE REPORTED, THE INVADERS "PANICKED AND WERE SOON PUSHED BACK INTO THE SWAMPY AREA ALONG THE SHORE. SOME, INDIVIDUALS AND MINOR GROUPS, SUCCEEDED IN GETTING INTO THE MOUNTAINS. THE ARMY... WAS NOW COMBING THE AREA AND ISOLATED SHOTS REACHED US HERE AT PLAJA LARGO."

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ADD MIRO CARDONA, NEW YORK (UPI-84)

THE 59-YEAR-OLD FORMER PRIME MINISTER IN CASTRO'S ORIGINAL GOVERNMENT MADE AN EMPHATIC PLEA FOR "MATERIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES AND ALL THE NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA" FOR THE CONTINUING STRUGGLE.

ECHOING PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S WARNING YESTERDAY, MIRO CARDONA SAID, "CUBA CANNOT BE PERMITTED TO BE THE ABANDONED HUNGARY OF AMERICA." HE ADDED:

"EITHER CUBA THROW OFF THE YOKE THAT OPPRESSES IT WITH THE COORDINATED FORCE OF ALL THE NATIONS OF THIS CONTINENT OR THIS HEMISPHERE WILL SUCCEED INEVITABLY BEFORE THE THRUST OF THE SOVIET EMPIRE. EITHER WE DESTROY THE MOSCOW-HAVANA-PEIPING AXIS OR THEY WILL DESTROY US, ONE BY ONE."

HE CHARGED THAT MIG AIRCRAFT AND SOVIET TANKS WERE USED BY CASTRO AGAINST THE INVADERS AND "INFLECTED A GRAVE REVERSE TO CUBA'S CAUSE."

MIRO CARDONA SAID THAT THE LANDING LAST MONDAY "DID NOT ACHIEVE ALL OF ITS PROPOSED OBJECTIVES. NEVERTHELESS, THE MAJORITY OF THE COMBATANTS SUCCEEDED IN MOVING INLAND, FIGHTING BRAVELY TO VARIOUS PLACES WHERE THEY CONTINUE TO FIGHT OPPRESSIVE COMMUNISM."

MIRO CARDONA WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS ANY SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE LANDING OR TO GIVE ANY DETAILS ABOUT ACTION ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS WOULD AID THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT IN DEFENDING THE ISLAND.

HOWEVER, HE REVEALED THAT A SHIP CARRYING RADIO TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT WAS SUNK BY THE CASTRO FORCES. AS A RESULT OF THIS, HE SAID, THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL DOES NOT KNOW THE EXACT NUMBER OF CASUALTIES OR THE NUMBER OF INVADERS TAKEN PRISONER.

"THIS WAS NOT A DEFEAT," HE SAID OF THE INVASION WHICH CASTRO HAS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY CRUSHED. "IT WAS JUST A SUBACK BECAUSE ONE OF OUR OBJECTIVES WAS NOT ACHIEVED."

MIRO CARDONA HAD A SECRET MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY WITH THE WHITE HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT MIRO CARDONA'S TELEPHONED REQUEST AFTER IT BECAME APPARENT THE REBEL'S KEY BEACHHEAD HAD SURRENDERED TO CASTRO'S FORCES.

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(MIRO CARDONA)

NEW YORK--DR. JOSE MIRO CARDONA, CHIEF OF THE EXILED ANTI-CASTRO FORCES, DECLARED TODAY THAT THE ABORTIVE INVASION OF CUBA LAST MONDAY WAS MOUNTED WITHOUT ANY "MILITARY AID" FROM THE UNITED STATES.

"THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT INTERVENE MILITARILY AGAINST THE CASTRO REGIME," SAID CARDONA AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE. "I HAVE SAID REPEATEDLY THIS IS A CUBAN FIGHT BY CUBANS AGAINST CUBANS."

MIRO CARDONA CAME HERE FROM HIS SECRET HEADQUARTERS FOR HIS FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE SINCE THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, OF WHICH HE IS PRESIDENT, LAUNCHED ITS FIRST FULL-FLEDGED MILITARY ATTACK ON CUBA. HE REPEATED PREVIOUS DENIALS THAT THE ATTACKING FORCE NUMBERED SEVERAL THOUSAND MEN.

MIRO CARDONA SAID ONLY SEVERAL HUNDRED MEN WERE INVOLVED IN THE INVASION AND THE MAJORITY OF THEM "SUCCEEDED IN MOVING INLAND" WHERE THEY ARE CONTINUING THE FIGHT AGAINST CASTRO'S TROOPS.

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HE SAID 90 PER CENT OF THOSE WHO CAME TO FIGHT IN CUBA CAME IN THE BELIEF THAT "90 PER CENT OF THE PEOPLE WERE READY TO RISE UP IN ARMS."

HE SAID HE HAD NEVER BEEN IN POLITICS. HE IDENTIFIED HIS FAMILY AS DELIO NUNEZ OF ORIENTE PROVINCE, SUGAR PLANTATION OWNERS BEFORE CASTRO. *Cuba*

NUNEZ SAID THE AIM OF THE INVASION WAS TO ESTABLISH A GENERAL UPRISING. HE ESTIMATED THE NUMBER OF TROOPS IN THE INVASION FORCE AT 1,200 TO 1,300 AND SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOW MANY WERE LEFT. NUNEZ DENIED THAT THE INVADERS HAD JET PLANES AND SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF THEIR ARMS WERE AMERICAN.

QUESTIONING TRIED TO ESTABLISH THAT NUNEZ WAS A FOLLOWER OF FORMER DICTATOR FULGENCIO BATISTA, BUT HE FIRMLY REJECTED ANY SUCH IMPLICATION.

ASKED IF HE HAD CHANGED HIS MIND ON THE SITUATION IN CUBA SINCE THE LANDING, HE SAID "WE DIDN'T FIND THE SITUATION WE EXPECTED."

ONE QUESTIONER TOLD NUNEZ: "I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS FURTHER WITH YOU AFTER YOUR TRIAL, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'LL HAVE MUCH TIME TO DISCUSS ANYTHING."

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 ONE PRISONER FROM THE ANTI-CASTRO INVASION FORCE GAVE DEFIANT ANSWERS TO THE CUBAN OFFICIALS AND NEWSMEN. *Cuba*  
 THE PRISONER, WHO WAS IDENTIFIED AS PEDRO NUNEZ, A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE ISLAND'S OLDEST FAMILIES, DEFENDED THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM DESPITE QUESTIONS APPARENTLY AIMED AT THREATENING HIM WITH EXECUTION.

NUNEZ AND ANOTHER PRISONER SAID THE INVASION FORCE WAS CARRIED TO CUBA IN MERCHANT SHIPS BUT ACCOMPANIED BY AN ESCORT OF AMERICAN DESTROYERS.

BUT NUNEZ, WHO SAID HE DEFECTED FROM CASTRO'S ARMY IN 1959, SAID HE CAME TO CUBA "TO ESTABLISH A REGIME OF LAW, UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF 1940."

NUNEZ SAID HE WAS A CATTLEMAN IN CIVILIAN LIFE AND OWNED 1,000 ACRES.

HE WAS ASKED IF HE BELIEVED PEASANTS SHOULD OWN THEIR OWN LAND. "YES, UNDER THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM," HE REPLIED. ASKED HOW PEASANTS COULD BUY LAND ON ONE AND ONE-HALF PESOS (\$1.50) A DAY, NUNEZ SAID HIS PEASANTS EARNED TWICE THAT, AND COULD BECOME LANDOWNERS UNDER FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS.

ASKED IF HE BELIEVED THE FACT THAT THREE AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE COMPANIES SOLD 30,000,000 CARS WAS FREE ENTERPRISE, HE SAID "THOSE THREE AUTO COMPANIES HAD 30,000,000 STOCKHOLDERS."

HE SAID HE BELIEVED WEALTH WAS WELL-DISTRIBUTED IN THE UNITED STATES, AND CITED A CASE IN WHICH AN OLD WOMAN OWNING SIX SHARES OF STOCK ASKED THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY A QUESTION WHICH LED TO HIS OUSTER.

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(SOLDIERS)

MIAMI -- SOLDIERS DESCRIBED HAS HAVING BEEN CAPTURED DURING THE  
INVASION WERE QUESTIONED BY NEWSMEN AND OFFICIALS OF THE  
CASTRO REGIME IN HAVANA TONIGHT ON A NATIONAL RADIO-TV HOOKUP.

THE FIRST PRISONER TO APPEAR, A PARATROOPER NAMED JOSE AUSTIN  
BAYONA, TOLD HIS QUESTIONERS HE WAS TRAINED IN GUATEMALA, WITH  
SOME OF HIS INSTRUCTORS NORTH AMERICANS AND SOME LATINS, AND THEN  
TAKEN TO NICARAGUA.

HE SAID THE PARATROOPERS HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEIZE HIGHWAYS  
AND TERRITORY IN THE AREA OF THE SEA LANDINGS.

THE QUESTIONING OF PRISONERS WAS BROADCAST FROM THE WORKERS' PALACE  
IN HAVANA AND MONITORED HERE.

THE PRISONER DID NOT SEEM TO BE A WILLING WITNESS. HE  
ANSWERED QUESTIONS BUT DID NOT ELABORATE. HE SPOKE IN A SLOW  
AND HESITANT VOICE.

THE SECOND MAN QUESTIONED WAS IDENTIFIED AS "PEDRO." HE SAID  
HE VOLUNTEERED BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN TOLD THE SITUATION IN CUBA  
WAS VERY BAD.

HE DENIED AMERICAN SHIPS CARRIED THE INVASION TROOPS, BUT SAID  
A "FEW" DESTROYERS ACCOMPANIED THE SIX SHIPS OF THE INVASION FLEET.

HE SAID ONE HAD THE NUMBER 507 ON ITS SIDE. THE DESTROYER  
ESCORT, HE SAID, CAME UP TO, OR VERY CLOSE TO, THE COAST OF CUBA.

ASKED WHO WAS IN THE INVASION FORCE, HE SAID "JUST CUBANS."  
PEDRO SAID HE ALSO WAS TRAINED IN GUATEMALA AT CAMP RETALHUE.

HE SAID HIS INSTRUCTORS WERE GERMAN, POLISH, ENGLISH AND AMERICAN,  
AND AFTER THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION BEGAN, "ABOUT 30" NORTH AMERICANS  
ARRIVED AND "RAN THE SHOW."

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MOST OF THE PRISONERS SAID THEY HAD TRAINED IN GUATEMALA. SOME U.S. OFFICERS TRAINED THEM, BUT THEY DID NOT KNOW THEM BEYOND FIRST NAMES. ONE PRISONER SAID HE SAW GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT MIGUEL YDIGURAS AT THE TRAINING CAMP TWICE.

SEVERAL SPOKE OF TWO OR MORE DESTROYERS WHICH THEY BELIEVED HAD ESCORTED THE INVASION CONVOY, MADE UP OF SEVEN MERCHANT SHIPS, TOWARD CUBA.

ONE PRISONER SAID A DESTROYER WENT INTO THE BEACH AFTER DARK TO TAKE OFF WOUNDED MEN. ANOTHER IDENTIFIED A DESTROYER SAID TO BE ESCORTING THE INVASION FLEET AS 507, WHICH IS THE NUMBER OF THE U.S.S. CONWAY.

BUT ANOTHER PRISONER, IDENTIFIED AS MARTINEZ SUAREZ, 52, A 28-YEAR CUBAN ARMY VETERAN, SAID THE UNITED STATES "HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE."

MOST OF THE WITNESSES SAID THEY HAD EXPECTED A GENERAL UPRISING AND MASS DEFECTIONS TO THEIR SIDE BY CASTRO'S MILITIAMEN AND WERE DISMAYED WHEN THIS DID NOT COME ABOUT.

DIRECT REPORTS FROM HAVANA THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS MADE UNCERTAIN BY INTERNAL CENSORSHIP SAID ARRESTS OF ANTI-CASTRO FORCES WERE CONTINUING AND THE CAPITAL WAS VIRTUALLY AN ARMED CAMP.

HOWARD MILKS, CHIEF OF THE AP CARIBBEAN SERVICES, AND AP CORRESPONDENT ROBERT BERRELLEZ WERE REPORTED ARRESTED LAST NIGHT. BERRELLEZ PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN REPORTED UNDER ARREST.

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(CUBA)

THE SON OF THE LEADER OF CUBAN EXILES TOLD A CUBAN RADIO AND TELEVISION AUDIENCE TODAY THAT THE INVASION OF THE BAY OF PIGS WAS A COMPLETE FAILURE AND NONE OF THE 1,300 TO 1,400 MEN INVOLVED COULD HAVE ESCAPED INTO THE ESCAMBRAY MOUNTAINS.

JOSE MIRO TORRA MADE THE STATEMENT IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS BY CUBAN OFFICIALS AND NEWSMEN WHO PARADED HIM BEFORE THE CAMERAS AND MICROPHONES IN HAVANA ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER PRISONERS THEY SAID WERE CAPTURED IN THE INVASION THIS WEEK.

THE ANSWERS FROM VARIOUS PRISONERS CONFLICTED ON SOME POINTS-- PARTICULARLY THE DEGREE OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT--BUT ALL AGREED ON ONE POINT: THE INVASION FORCE WAS ALL CUBAN; NO AMERICANS WENT ASHORE.

DURING THE PROGRAM THE CUBANS ANNOUNCED THEY HAD CAPTURED 76 MORE INVADERS YESTERDAY. PREVIOUSLY THEY HAD CLAIMED THE CAPTURE OF MORE THAN 400.

MIRO TORRA'S FATHER, JOSE MIRO CARDONA, PRESIDENT OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, ADMITTED IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE INVASION HAD BEEN A "HEAVY REVERSE" TO ANTI-CASTRO FORCES. BUT HE SAID THE "MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO LANDED ARE ACTUALLY FIGHTING AT THE PRESENT TIME."

MIRO TORRA DESCRIBED THE INVASION AS A "TOTAL FAILURE."

HE SAID HE HIMSELF HAD WALKED FOR 26 HOURS AND GOT NOWHERE NEAR THE ESCAMBRAY MOUNTAINS, ABOUT 15 MILES FROM THE BEACHHEAD.

"NO ONE COULD HAVE REACHED THE ESCAMBRAY," HE SAID.

THE PRISONER PARADE STARTED AT 10 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT. THE ANNOUNCER HAD SAID FIDEL CASTRO HIMSELF WOULD APPEAR BEFORE THE END. BUT THE PROGRAM ENDED AT 2:30 A.M. TODAY WITHOUT CASTRO SHOWING UP.

THE PANEL OF QUESTIONERS--SOME OF THEM KNOWN COMMUNISTS--FIRED LOADED QUESTIONS AT THE PRISONERS BUT DID NOT ALWAYS GET THE REACTION THEY OBVIOUSLY WERE AIMING FOR.

ONE, PEDRO NUNEZ, A MEMBER OF ONE OF CUBA'S OLDEST FAMILIES, VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM DESPITE VEILED THREATS OF EXECUTION.

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# Bitter Rebels Complain CIA Bungled Show

*New York Times Correspondent Tad Szulc, a veteran specialist in Latin American affairs, has been in Miami investigating the background of the ill-fated Cuban assault and the mood of the rebels who remain here. Here are his impressions.*

By TAD SZULC  
The New York Times Service

Bitter Cuban rebels in Miami were analyzing Friday the causes of the failure of their attack this week on the regime of Premier Fidel Castro.

With their political leadership battered and divided, and with the underground organizations in Cuba badly mauled, rebel resentment is mounting against the U.S. and especially the Central Intelligence Agency, over what is regarded here as monumental mismanagement.

As has been an open secret in Florida and Central America for months, the CIA planned, coordinated and directed the operations that ended in the defeat on a beachhead in Southern Cuba Wednesday.

Among the immediate questions arising here is what is to be done with more than 4,000 men of the rebel army who were not committed in the first attack and are now scattered about the Caribbean area. They were described as disoriented and demoralized.

Meanwhile, the recruiting centers have closed in Miami and officers and men, proclaiming their bitterness, are beginning to trickle back from the camps. There was a danger the rebel army might simply evaporate.

Cuban sentiment in Miami is that it is now up to the United States to handle the situation in Cuba directly.

A second question is whether and how the underground organizations can be rebuilt in the face of mass arrests all over Cuba and of the break in communications between them, and the rebel centers in Florida.

From reports and opinions gathered among Cubans involved in this week's events, and from information available beforehand but kept confidential, the picture that emerges is one of military, political, intelligence, and security failures.

The principal charge leveled at the Central Intelligence Agency by Cubans from numerous groups is that it precipitated the attack without adequate coordination with the underground and despite urgent warnings in recent weeks against such an attempt.

The agency is also blamed for excluding from the operations several rebel groups — which include a number of experienced guerrilla officers — because of alleged favoritism for other factions for political reasons.

With such a lack of coordination, many rebels claim, the CIA could not have expected to see the fulfillment of its intelligence estimates that a major internal uprising would follow the first landing.

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(INTELLIGENCE)

WASHINGTON--TWO CRUCIAL UNDERESTIMATES OF FIDEL CASTRO'S STRENGTH DOOMED THE REBEL INVASION OF CUBA, KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION SOURCES SAID TODAY.

THEY SAID INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES MISCALCULATED CASTRO'S MILITARY POWER, HIS ABILITY TO MOBILIZE IT AND HIS TROOPS' LOYALTY.

THE OTHER UNDERESTIMATE WAS THE STRENGTH OF CASTRO'S GRIP ON THE CUBAN PEOPLE, WHICH PREVENTED A GENERAL REBELLION.

THEY SAID U.S. OFFICIALS HAD MISGIVINGS OVER THE MILITARY VENTURE, BUT SECRETARY OF STATE RUSK, DEFENSE SECRETARY MCNAMARA AND THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AGREED WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY NOT TO PREVENT THE INVASION.

THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT AMONG GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ABOUT WHERE THE BLAME LAY FOR THE INTELLIGENCE UNDERESTIMATES. SOME BLAMED THE CIA, BUT ONE HIGH SOURCE SAID THE FAULT WAS SHARED "BY THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT."

ACTUALLY, SUCH INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES ARE REACHED BY A BOARD INCLUDING ALL AGENCIES CONCERNED.

OFFICIALS SAID IT WASN'T KNOWN THAT CASTRO HAD RUSSIAN MIG FIGHTERS IN FLYING CONDITION. THERE WERE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THAT CUBAN PILOTS HAD BEEN TRAINED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO FLY THEM, BUT IT HAD BEEN BELIEVED THE ONLY MIGS IN CUBA WERE STILL IN CRATES.

"CASTRO TURNED OUT TO HAVE MORE TANKS, MORE AIRPOWER IN GENERAL, MORE ARTILLERY, MORE MODERN MACHINE GUNS AND MORE COMMUNIST-BLOC TECHNICIANS THAN ANYONE HAD THOUGHT," ONE ADMINISTRATION SOURCE SAID.

OTHERS, HOWEVER, SAID THE MISCALCULATION WAS NOT SO MUCH IN THE AMOUNT OF THE EQUIPMENT, BUT IN THE TRAINING OF MEN TO USE IT AND MOBILIZE IT EFFECTIVELY.

THEY ALSO SAID THE EXTENT OF HIS POLICE CONTROL AND HIS NETWORK OF AGENTS AND INFORMERS WASN'T REALIZED UNTIL THOUSANDS OF PERSONS WERE HERDED INTO MAKESHIFT PRISONS TO WARD OFF A CIVILIAN UPRISING.

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(KENNEDY)

CAMP DAVID, MD. -- PRESIDENT KENNEDY WON RENEWED SUPPORT FROM FORMER PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER ON THE CUBAN CRISIS TODAY AFTER BRIEFING HIS WHITE HOUSE PREDECESSOR ON THE TENSE SITUATION.

SHORTLY AFTER KENNEDY AND EISENHOWER CONCLUDED THEIR CAMP DAVID MEETING, IT WAS LEARNED IN WASHINGTON THAT EISENHOWER STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO KENNEDY BEFORE HIS INAUGURATION THAT THE UNITED STATES ALLOW PLANS FOR THE CUBAN INVASION TO PROCEED.

IN ANOTHER OF THE SERIES OF RAPID-FIRE DEVELOPMENTS, THE STATE DEPARTMENT, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF KENNEDY, RETORTED TO AN ANGRY MESSAGE FROM SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV ON CUBA.

THE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT KENNEDY HAS DECIDED "NOT TO BE DRAWN INTO AN EXTENDED PUBLIC DEBATE" WITH THE SOVIET RULER ON DETAILS OF THE CUBAN CONTROVERSY, BUT ON KENNEDY'S BEHALF, THE DEPARTMENT PLEDGED AN "ENDLESS STRUGGLE" FOR ATTAINMENT OF "FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS" AND THE "POPULAR WILL" IN CUBA AND ELSEWHERE.

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A GUANTANAMO DISPATCH SAID EIGHT DESTROYERS WERE ON DUTY AT THE BIG BASE ON THE EASTERN END OF CUBA INCLUDING THE FARRAGUT WHICH IS EQUIPPED WITH GUIDED MISSILES. THREE DESTROYER ESCORTS WERE REPORTED WITH THEM--THE ROBERTS, THE R. O. HALE AND THE PETERSON.

THERE WAS NO CONFIRMATION OR DENIAL FROM U.S. NAVY SOURCES. ONE SPOKESMAN SAID THE 3,000 MARINES LANDING IN GUANTANAMO BAY WOULD RELIEVE THE SAME NUMBER ALREADY THERE. THERE WAS NO COMMENT ON THE INDEPENDENCE OR BOXER. A SPOKESMAN SAID THE SHANGRI-LA WAS ENROUTE FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN TO THE EAST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES.

A REPORT FROM KEY WEST THAT A DESTROYER FORCE HAD LEFT THERE FOR GUANTANAMO BROUGHT THE RESPONSE THE SHIPS WERE ON A "ROUTINE" TRAINING EXERCISE. THE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS SAID THEY WERE JOINING THE FORCE OF DESTROYERS AND OTHER VESSELS STILL AT SEA OFF THE BIG BASE.

OBSERVERS SAID THE BUILDUP APPEARED TO BE A PLAIN WARNING TO CASTRO TO KEEP HIS HANDS OFF THE GUANTANAMO BASE. SOME EXILE SOURCES SAID AN ATTACK WAS POSSIBLE ON GROUNDS GUANTANAMO MIGHT BE GIVING ASYLUM TO REMNANTS OF THE INVASION FORCE OR TO OTHER ANTI-CASTRO CUBANS FLEEING THERE FROM THE MOUNTAINS.

CASTRO HAS SET UP ARTILLERY AND ROADBLOCKS A FEW MILES FROM THE BASE FOR THE AVOWED PURPOSE OF CUTTING OFF RETREAT TO GUANTANAMO OF FLEEING REBELS.

CODED RADIO MESSAGES WERE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE DAY FROM A SECRET RADIO STATION IN THE CARIBBEAN HINTING THAT A NEW INVASION MIGHT BE UNDERWAY AND ASKING THE ANTI-CASTRO FORCES IN CUBA TO HAVE COURAGE-- "DON'T GIVE UP."

BUT CUBAN EXILE SOURCES SAID THE INVASION WAS OVER, THAT THE FLAMES OF FREEDOM SPARKED BRIEFLY BUT WAS EXTINGUISHED WHEN THE INVADING FORCE OF ABOUT 1,000 MEN WAS CRUSHED BY SUPERIOR WEIGHT OF COMMUNIST TANKS AND PLANES SUPPLIED TO THE CASTRO FORCES.

THEY SAID ANY INVASION WOULD NOT BE TIPPED OFF BY SUCH A WARNING AND THAT THE MESSAGE UNDOUBTEDLY WAS MEANT TO CHEER UP THE ANTI-CASTRO CUBANS AND LET THEM KNOW THAT HELP WOULD BE COMING--SOMETIME. THE MESSAGES THEMSELVES WERE THOUGHT TO BE INTERCEPTED BY CASTRO'S FORCES.

THEY SAID THERE UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD BE SMALL ISOLATED LAND NGS FROM TIME TO TIME BUT THAT IT WOULD TAKE MONTHS TO MOUNT ANOTHER MAJOR BLOW-- THE TRAINING CAMPS ARE EMPTY. THE THOUSAND OR MORE VOLUNTEERS WHO SWAMPED RECRUITING OFFICES IN MIAMI HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES FOR ANOTHER DAY.

LATIN AMERICAN EXPERTS SAID THE UNITED STATES PROBABLY WOULD TURN NOW TO THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT TO TRY TO LINE UP MAXIMUM SUPPORT FOR THE ANTI-CASTRO FORCES FROM THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES.

IN THE MEANTIME, AS THE UNITED STATES WAS STRENGTHENING ITS FORCES IN THE GUANTANAMO AREA, CASTRO EXTENDED HIS REIGN OF TERROR TO NEARBY SANTIAGO, KNOWN TO BE A STRONGHOLD OF ANTI-CASTRO CUBANS.

RAUL CASTRO HIMSELF WAS REPORTED IN ORIENTE PROVINCE TO LEAD THE COMMUNIST-STYLE ROUNDUP OF CASTRO OPPONENTS.

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(CUBA)

THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT RADIO STATION PROGRESO SAID TODAY THE UNITED STATES WAS BUILDING UP ITS NAVAL FORCES IN THE CARIBBEAN AND WARNED THAT INTERCONTINENTAL ROCKETS OF THE SOVIET UNION WERE EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN THE FLEET.

THE BROADCAST FOLLOWED AN EARLIER ONE WHICH HINTED THE FIDEL CASTRO GOVERNMENT WOULD SHOW NO MERCY TOWARD THE 500 CUBANS CLAIMED CAPTURED IN THE ILL-FATED INVASION OF MONDAY. IT PARADED MANY OF THEM BEFORE TELEVISION CAMERAS IN AN HOURS-LONG TELEVISION BROADCAST.

CUBAN OBSERVERS HAD REPORTED INCREASED U.S. NAVY MANEUVERS IN THE CARIBBEAN AND SAID IT UNDOUBTEDLY WAS A WARNING TO CASTRO NOT TO LET HIS ENTHUSIASM INDUCE HIM TO ATTACK THE BIG U.S. NAVAL BASE AT GUANTANAMO ON THE EASTERN TIP OF CUBA.

THE PROGRESO BROADCAST SAID HEAVY NAVAL UNITS OF THE "YANKEE ARMADA" WERE MANEUVERING TO INTIMIDATE CUBA. IT SAID PRESIDENT KENNEDY SHOULD KNOW THAT "EVEN MORE POWERFUL IS THE REVOLUTIONARY CONSCIENCE OF OUR PEOPLES, EVEN MORE POWERFUL IS THE PREPARATION OF OUR MILITIAS, OUR REBEL ARMY, EVEN MORE POWERFUL IS THE COURAGE OF THE CUBANS AND EVEN MORE POWERFUL STILL ARE THE INTERCONTINENTAL ROCKETS OF THE SOVIET UNION."

MUCH OF THE BROADCAST WAS ADDRESSED TO UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL AND INCLUDED A REQUEST TO TELL THE SECRET SWAN RADIO TRANSMITTERS TO SEND FEWER MESSAGES OF A POSSIBLE NEW INVASION AND "COME THEMSELVES TO INVADE." IT CALLED THE INVADERS "WORMS AND MERCENARIES."

THE BROADCAST SAID THE SWAMPLAND IS "AGAIN READY TO RECEIVE OTHER CONTINGENTS"--A REFERENCE TO THE SWAMPY LAND AT PIGS BAY WHERE THE ANTI-CASTRO INVASION FORCE LANDED LAST MONDAY.

CASTRO FIRING SQUADS EXECUTED MANY CUBANS DURING THE WEEK AND SATURDAY'S BROADCAST BY HAVANA RADIO HINTED THAT THE SAME FATE MIGHT BEFALL THOSE CAPTURED AT PIG'S BAY. IT WARNED THAT THE SAME FATE WOULD BE DEALT TO ANY U.S. MARINES IF THEY INVADDED CUBA. 105-89923-14

THE BIG U.S. AIRCRAFT CARRIER RANDOLPH ARRIVED IN GUANTANAMO SATURDAY WITH 3,000 MARINES AND 85 TO 100 MODERN JET PLANES.

THREE OTHER AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, THE BOXER, THE SHANGRI-LA AND THE INDEPENDENCE WERE REPORTED IN THE AREA WITH SCORES OF DESTROYERS AND OTHER VESSELS.

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